

**CHAPTER 56**  
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**56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.**

1. Every owner of a cat or dog over the age of six (6) months shall obtain an annual license for each such cat or dog in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
2. Every owner of a cat or dog over the age of six (6) months before January 1 of any year shall apply for an annual license for each such cat or dog on or before January 1 of each year.
3. Every owner of a cat or dog under the age of six (6) months on January 1 of any year shall apply for an annual license for each such cat or dog on or before the first day of the first month after each such cat or dog reaches the age of six (6) months.
4. An application for the annual license shall be made to the Clerk.
5. The application shall be made in writing on forms furnished by the Clerk and shall state the following:
  - A. The name and residence address of the owner of the cat or dog and the address of the premises at which the owner regularly keeps, shelters or harbors the cat or dog, if such address is different from that of the owner.
  - B. The breed, sex, age, color, markings and name of the cat or dog.
  - C. The date on which the cat or dog was last vaccinated for rabies, the type of vaccination administered and the date on which the cat or dog should next be vaccinated.

Such application shall be accompanied by a certification of vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian showing that the cat or dog described in the application has been vaccinated against rabies and that the vaccination does not expire within six (6) months from the effective date of the license. No cat or dog six (6) months of age or older and which has not been vaccinated against rabies shall be licensed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.5)*

**56.02 LICENSE FEES.**

The application for an annual license for a cat or dog shall be accompanied by the following fee:

January 1 - June 30:

Spayed/neutered	\$5.00
Non-spayed/non-neutered	\$10.00

July 1 - December 31:

Spayed/neutered	\$7.50
Non-spayed/non-neutered	\$15.00

**56.03 DELINQUENT APPLICATIONS.**

An application for an annual license for a cat or dog which is over six (6) months old before January 1 of any year shall be delinquent if made after July 1 of that year. An application for an annual license for a cat or dog under the age of six (6) months on January 1 shall be delinquent if made on or after the sixth month after such cat or dog reaches the age of six (6) months.

**56.04 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE AND TAGS.**

Upon receipt of the application and fee, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the Clerk shall issue to the owner a license and a license tag. The license shall state the number of the license, the name and residence address of the owner and a description of the cat or dog. The license tag shall state the number of the license and the year for which it is issued.

**56.05 DISPLAY OF LICENSE TAG.**

Upon issuance of the license tag, the owner shall cause the license tag to be securely fastened to a collar or harness which shall be worn by the cat or dog for which the license is issued.

**56.06 DUPLICATE LICENSE TAG.**

Upon proof by the owner that a license tag issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter has been lost or destroyed, the Clerk shall issue a duplicate license tag to the owner. Such duplicate license tag shall be securely fastened to the collar or harness of such cat or dog in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. A duplicate license tag fee of three dollars (\$3.00) shall be charged for all duplicate license tags.

**56.07 NONTRANSFER OF LICENSE OR LICENSE TAG.**

No license or license tag issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall be transferred to any other person or cat or dog.

**56.08 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF STATUS; SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND TAG.**

Upon the death, transfer of ownership or disappearance for more than sixty (60) days of any cat or dog licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the owner of such cat or dog shall, within ten (10) days of such event, notify the Clerk of such event and surrender the license and license tag, if available, issued to such owner.

**56.09 EXPIRATION OF LICENSE AND TAG.**

All licenses and license tags issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall expire on January 1 of the year following the year for which they are issued.