

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
McDonough County Treasurer's Office
1 Courthouse Square
Macomb, IL 61455
Phone: 309-833-2032

December 1, 2011

Dear McDonough County Dog Owner:

As a dog owner, Illinois State Law requires you to have your dog vaccinated against rabies and to register your dog annually with the county in which you reside (Per the Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/1 through 5/27, as amended). This act states that "every dog 4 months of age and over shall be vaccinated and registered."

Anyone failing to register or inoculate their dogs may be subject to a fine of \$ 100.00. The County, as authorized by law, has passed an Animal Control Ordinance. This ordinance incorporates the requirements and regulations outlined in the Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/1 through 5/27, as amended.

The 2012 Dog Registration Tags are now available in the McDonough County Treasurer's Office (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.). Dog registration is to be done annually. The registration fee shall be set by the County Board. The fee charged to owners of dogs shall be \$9.00 for a one-year registration, for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$19.00 for a one-year registration, for an unspayed or unneutered dog. Any registration fee, except new registrations, **paid after February 15 of each year shall be \$16.00 for a one-year registration, for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$26.00 for an unspayed or unneutered dog.** All registration fees shall be remitted to the County Treasurer, who shall place \$9.00 of each registration fee in the Animal Control Fund. 510 ILCS 5/7. The \$10.00 differential for intact animals shall be placed in the McDonough County Animal Population Control Fund and shall be used to (i) spay, neuter or sterilize adopted dogs or cats or (ii) spay or neuter dogs or cats owned by low income McDonough County residents who are eligible for the Food Stamp Program. 510 ILCS 5/3. To register your dog(s), you must present a valid rabies vaccination certificate and, if applicable, proof of spay or neuter along with the required registration fee to the McDonough County Treasurer's Office. You may do so either in person or by mail (the address is listed at the bottom of this letter).

If your dog has received a 3-year vaccination, IT STILL MUST BE REGISTERED EACH YEAR! If you are unable to locate your vaccination certificate, stop by the Treasurer's Office as verification information may be available.

If at any time your dog dies or has been given away, please contact the McDonough County Treasurer's Office (833-2032) so our records can be updated. We greatly appreciate your assistance even though it might be a difficult telephone call.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our County rabies free and pet safe.

Please make checks payable to:
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