

## **Attention: Van Buren County Residents**

### **Dog Licensing Information**

**Michigan Compiled Law 287.266 requires that all dogs over 4 months old MUST have BOTH a current rabies vaccination AND a current dog license. Michigan Law 287.267 requires that the tag must be worn by your dog.**

**There are criminal and financial penalties for failure to properly vaccinate and license your dogs. Non-compliance is costly.**

**In Van Buren County, 2026 Dog Licenses must be obtained by March 1, 2026, or by the time a puppy is 4 months old. Newly acquired dogs and dogs of new residents will be charged the regular rate if licensed within 30 days of acquisition or of moving into the county.**

### **Instructions for Dog Owners:**

**1. Make sure your dog's rabies vaccination is current. Your veterinarian will give you a "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" showing the expiration date of the current vaccination.**

**To purchase a 1-year dog license, your dog's vaccination must have 30 days remaining before it expires.**

**To purchase a 3-year dog license, your dog's vaccination must expire AFTER April 1, 2028.**

**2. Complete the "Application for 2026 Dog License" on the reverse side if your dog is not currently licensed in Van Buren County. Use a separate form for each dog you own. Proof of neutering/spaying is required for that fee to apply. Additional application forms are available at the locations listed below, by calling the County Treasurer's office at 269-657-8228 or at [www.vanburencountymi.gov](http://www.vanburencountymi.gov).**

**3. Mail BOTH the "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination" from the vet and the completed Application along with the correct license fee to the VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER or apply in person. Also provide proof of neutering/spaying, if applicable. Credit cards are accepted at the Treasurer's Office, but a processing fee applies.**

**4. Upon receipt of the required documents and fee, your license and tag will be mailed to you. Your "Certificate of Vaccination" will also be returned to you. If you don't receive these items within 60 days, please contact the VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER at the address below.**

#### **Mail Documents to:**

**Van Buren County Treasurer**  
219 E. Paw Paw St., Suite 101  
Paw Paw MI 49079  
269-657-8228

**or**

**Animal Control**  
58040 CR 681  
Hartford MI 49057  
269-621-4624

#### **OR Purchase your 2026 Dog License at any of these Veterinarians and Government Offices:**

Allegan Animal Clinic  
Bangor Veterinary Clinic  
Decatur Family Pet Hospital PC

Gobles Veterinary Clinic  
Red Arrow Animal Clinic

Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic  
Hamilton Township

**Van Buren County, Michigan**  
**Application for 2026 Dog License**

See reverse side for instructions. Please print clearly.

**Dog Owner's Details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide both spouses' names if married/ Parent's name if owned by a child

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address where dog is kept \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from mailing address)

**Dog's Details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Month/year of dog's birth \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of dog (if mixed, name predominate breeds) \_\_\_\_\_

Colors of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Sex of dog\* ( ) Female ( ) Spayed Female\* ( ) Male ( ) Neutered Male\* ( ) Puppy (under 6 months)

\*Written proof of spaying/neutering is required. Penalty for falsifying.

**Veterinarian/Clinic Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies tag number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of vaccine from clinic is required (expiration AFTER 4/1/28 qualifies the purchase of a 3 year tag)

**INDICATE YOUR PURCHASE BY CHECKING THE BOX BELOW**

**To purchase a 1-year tag, Rabies vaccination must have 30 days remaining.**

**To purchase 3-year tag, Rabies vaccination must expire AFTER 4/1/28**

**ON TIME TAG**

Purchased Before March 2, 2026

1 year Spayed/Neutered Dog  \$10

1 year Intact Dog  \$20

3 year Spayed/Neutered Dog  \$30

3 year Intact Dog  \$60

**DELINQUENT TAG**

Purchased between March 2, and Nov 30, 2026

\$20

\$40

\$40

\$80

Puppies under 6 months old are always \$10 FOR A 1 YEAR license

**\*\*Have you enclosed your "Certificate of Rabies Vaccination", proof of Neuter /Spay & the proper fee?\***

I declare that the information given is true and correct. I enclose proof of valid rabies vaccine, proof of spay/neuter if applicable, and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2026 Dog License.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Dog Owner or Agent