



INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSING YOUR SERVICE DOG

NOTE: Service Dog includes Hearing Ear, Seeing Eye and Mobility dogs. A Service Dog is **NOT** a pet. Before a service dog tag is issued, the Department shall be satisfied that the dog for which the license is sought is a “service dog” trained to aid the blind or visually handicapped, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired and is actually in use for such purpose.

To obtain the special “Service Dog” tag you will need the following:

1. The completed Annual Cat and Dog License Application;
2. Proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccination (certificate showing the rabies expiration date). Only a certificate signed by a veterinarian, stating the date of vaccination, expiration date, and the type of vaccine, is acceptable;
3. Proof of spaying or neutering (altered), if applicable;
4. Completed Service Dog Affidavit form, which can be downloaded and printed from the department’s web page.

Once processed, a **permanent** “Service Dog” tag is issued, along with the individual animal license which must be renewed each year. There is no fee for licensing a service dog, however applications for additional dogs and/or cats must be submitted with the appropriate payment. All dogs and cats must obtain an individual license tag annually. For questions or additional information, call 410-887-3630.

Service dog tags are **ONLY AVAILABLE** at the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections.

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