



Press Release

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Responsible Pet Owners Month

The City of Bentonville is pleased to announce the months of April and October as Responsible Pet Owner months. During these two months, the license for spayed or neutered animals is reduced to \$3.00 per license. If the owner has proof of a 3 year rabies vaccine, the dog license is good for 3 years.

This new program was passed by the Mayor and the City Council at the March 23rd City Council meeting. The ordinance amended the City's Municipal Code pertaining to the licensing requirements for dogs. The Bentonville Municipal Code was amended to include the following provisions:

"In the event an owner is issued a three (3) year rabies vaccination certificate by a person authorized to administer the vaccine, then an extended license may be granted which shall be in effect for three (3) years from the date of said vaccination. The owner must present proof of the vaccination indicating the three (3) year vaccine when applying for the extended license. The extended license shall be charged at the normal license rate of \$6.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$12.00 for unaltered animals. The one (1) year licensing requirement shall remain in effect and applicable to dogs not falling within this extended criteria."

The City appreciates its citizens being responsible pet owners, and asks everyone to please make sure their dogs are properly licensed and not allowed to run at large or engage in nuisance or vicious behavior. City ordinances require dogs to behave as good canine citizens.

