County dog licenses now available at select vet offices

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Deschutes County is partnering with local veterinary offices to make it easier for dog owners to purchase a dog license. A new program launched last month allows veterinarians in the county to sell licenses at their clinics. Four clinics have agreed to offer the convenient service and the County is seeking additional offices to participate in the program.

Dog owners can currently purchase dog licenses at the following veterinary offices. The County seeks additional offices to join the program, please call 383-4399 next month if you would like to receive an updated list.

Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic

2630 S. Canal

Redmond, OR 97756

Companion Pet Clinic of Bend

3197 N. Hwy 97, A-1
Bend, OR 97701

Deschutes Veterinary Clinic

25 NW Olney Ave
Bend, OR 97701

La Paw Animal Hospital
1288 SW Simpson Ave
Bend, OR 97702

It is a Deschutes County and State requirement that all dogs who have a set of permanent canine teeth or that are six months old, whichever comes first, are licensed.

The new licensing program gives dog owners the opportunity to purchase the County-required license when they visit their veterinarian office for dog health services. The veterinary dog licensing service will save dog owners an extra trip to the Deschutes County Services Center in Bend or to their local humane society. In addition to the convenience, itâ€™s hoped the new service will encourage more dog owners to license their pets.

A dog license costs $12 for spayed or neutered dogs, and $27 for a dog that has not been altered. Dog licensing revenues help pet-owner related causes: 1) Peace of mind: dog licensing improves a lost pet's chance of being reunited with the owner; 2) Safer community: there is a requirement that the dog has received the rabies vaccination before the County can issue a dog license; 3) A portion of dog licensing fees is distributed to either the Central Oregon Humane Society or the Redmond Humane Society, depending on where the owner lives. If dog owners reside inside the incorporated city limits of Bend or Redmond, that city also receives a portion of the licensing fee.

All veterinary offices that offer the convenient service are provided with staff training and supplies before they begin issuing dog licenses.

For additional information about the Deschutes County dog licensing process or this new service offered through local veterinarian offices, please call 388-6637.

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