



Dog License Changes: Frequently Asked Questions

Where are my dog license card and dog tag sticker?

The Health Department no longer issues a printed card or a sticker. The metal tag for your dog's collar is now the license. The Health Department also sent you a paper certificate to keep for your records.

Does my dog have to wear the license tag outdoors?

Yes. Dogs must wear the metal tag on their collars whenever they go outside.

What if I need to show proof that my dog has a current license?

Police officers and Parks Department police can look up the number on your dog's metal tag to confirm that the license is current. If you want, you may also carry the paper certificate, or keep a copy of it on your smartphone. To download an electronic license certificate to your smartphone, visit nyc.gov/doglicense, and log into your account.

How do I download a copy of the license certificate from the dog licensing system?

Log into your account, and click on your dog's name. In the Animal Detail screen, click "Print Certificate."

Animal Detail	
Dog's Name	Yankee
Status	Active
Tag Number	2961634 Print Certificate

Do I need to carry the certificate with me?

No.

What if I lose the paper certificate and need a replacement copy?

Call 311 to request a copy, and it will be mailed to you. If you have an online dog licensing account, you can print one yourself by going to nyc.gov/doglicense.

Should I remove my old sticker?

Yes. The sticker is no longer necessary.

Without the sticker, how will I know when to renew my license?

The Health Department will remind you by mail or email at least one month before your license expires. Failure to renew your license on time may result in fines and late fees. To confirm that your dog's license is current, visit nyc.gov/doglicense and click "Enter Online Dog Licensing." Enter the tag number in the "Check Dog Tag Status" box and click "Go."