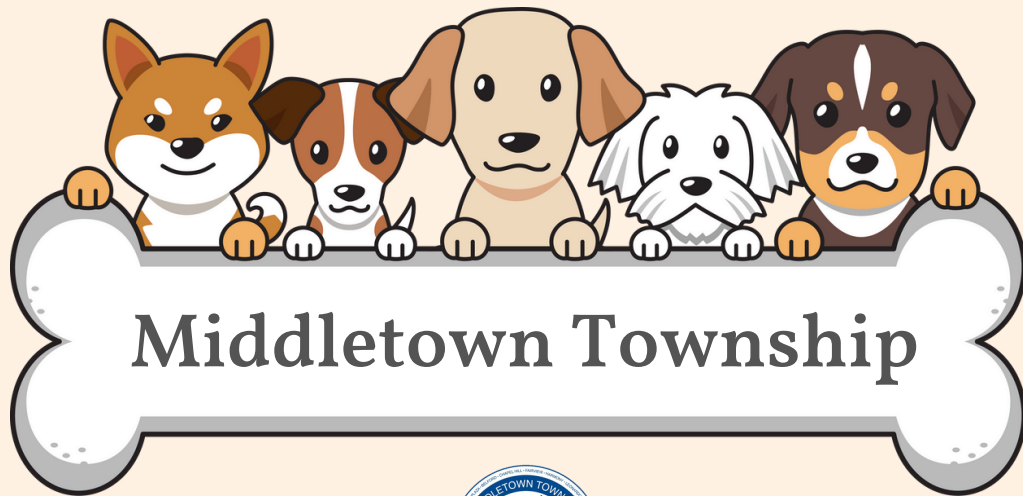


BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG



Animal Control

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- **Your lost pet will have a better chance of reuniting with you quickly.** The fastest way to access important owner information is with a license tag. Most pets wearing a tag are returned to owners within minutes of our Health Department's Animal Control Division arriving on scene.
- **The annual licensing fee goes directly toward services that benefit your pet.** Licensing fees are divided into several services including free rabies clinics, animal shelter fees, veterinarian fees, Animal Control equipment fees, and more.
- **A dog license proves that your pet is vaccinated and promotes public health.** Dog licenses are only provided to pets who have an updated rabies shot. A dog with a license tag gives good samaritans the confidence to approach a lost pet, since they know that they are not rabid.
- **Your pet can have a social life.** Many places (like groomers, dog parks, pet-friendly hotels, airlines, etc.) require pet licenses.
- **Licensing a pet in your name establishes legal ownership.** Having a pet with a current license helps prove ownership in case you are ever in a situation where it is needed.
- **You will be complying with the law.** Dogs are legally required to be licensed in New Jersey, so please license your dog to avoid any unnecessary consequences.