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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFIANCE COUNTY DOG LICENSES:

IT'S THE LAW
(ORC 955.01)
All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. No dog shall be harbored, kept, or owned without displaying a valid registration tag.
(The law applies regardless of whether the dog is kept inside or out.)

ON-LINE

Register your dog on-line at www.doglicenses.us/OH/Defiance. Credit card payments only; a per license processing fee applies. To access your pre-filled form you will need your Account ID and Password listed below.

Account ID: Password:

IN PERSON OR BY MAIL

1. Complete this form. Be sure the correct owner, street address, and pet description(s) appear on all applications.
2. Use this form to register 1 to 5 dogs. If you have more than 5 dogs, please list them on a separate sheet of paper and return it with this form. Ohio law requires a license for every dog more than 3 months old.
3. Enclose a check or money order for the correct fees payable to: **Defiance County Auditor**. Please do not send cash. **Before January 31**, licensing rate is **$24.00 per dog**. **After January 31**, statutory late penalty increases the licensing rate to **$48.00 per dog**. Your application cannot be processed without the correct fees.
4. Please return the application and check or money order. A receipt will be returned to you with your 2025 license tag(s).

Tags can be purchased in person at the Defiance County Auditor's Office or the Hicksville Police Dept. For other locations and information, **see the insert**. Please bring the attached form when purchasing.

Certificates of registration and registration tags shall be valid only during the CALENDAR YEAR or YEARS for which they are issued. ORC Sec 955.09.

Dogs may be registered for a 1 year or 3 year term, or permanently. Complete each line of the application for your dog(s). In particular, choose your "Term" (1 Year, 3 Year or Permanent - see term codes below) and fill in "Fee Paid" based on the fee structure to the right of this paragraph. 3 Year and Permanent License may only be purchased at the Defiance County Auditor's office either online, by mail or in person. **Multi-year tags are non-refundable and cannot be transferred to a different dog.**

2025 LICENSE FEES			
	1 YR	3 YR	Permanent
Before Jan 31st	$24.00	$72.00	$240.00
After Jan 31st	$48.00	$96.00	$264.00

Color Codes: BL=Black; **WH**=White; **GR**=Gray; **BD**=Brindle; **TA**=Tan; **BR**=Brown; **YE**=Yellow; **RE**=Red
Term Codes: 1=1 Year Tag; 3=3 Year Tag; P=Permanent Tag

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APPLICATION for the registration of dog(s) for the year 2025

Age		Sex	Color								Hair	Breed	Dog Name	Term	Fee Paid	Penalty	--- Office Use ---	
YRs	MOs	(M/F)	BL	WH	GR	BD	TA	BR	YE	RE	(S/M/L)			(1/3/P)			2024 License #	2025 License #

Vet/Clinic:

A penalty shall be assessed if Dog License is not secured on or before January 31, or within 30 days after the dog becomes 3 months of age, is acquired, or is brought from outside the state. ORC Sec 955.01, 05.

Owner Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
if different(e.g. P.O. Box)

City: _____ State: _____ ZipCode: _____

The undersigned says that the facts indicated above ARE TRUE.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date Signed _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Deputy or Agent _____