



Both the Borough and Township of Princeton strive to provide a safe and harmonious environment for dogs, their owners, and the residents of our community. This brochure outlines the responsibilities associated with owning a dog as a resident of Princeton.

While dogs make great companions, dog owners and their keepers are bound to various responsibilities. Please join us in our effort to protect the safety and welfare of both our dogs and the community at hand.

Vaccination

As a prerequisite to the issuance of a dog license, all dogs within the boundaries of the Borough and Township must receive vaccination against rabies.

No person shall own or keep any dog older than six months of age within the Borough and Township which has not been vaccinated against rabies.

No license required for the owning and keeping of a dog shall be issued to any person unless a certificate issued by a duly licensed veterinarian of the state is presented to and filed with the clerk, showing that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies in a prescribed manner.

Free vaccinations are available during the year by the Health Department. Check for dates and location.

BOROUGH OF PRINCETON

One Monument Drive
Princeton, New Jersey 08542
(609) 924-3118

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP

400 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
(609) 924-5704

PRINCETON ANIMAL CONTROL

One Monument Drive
Princeton, New Jersey 08542
(609) 924-2728

All pictures used in this brochure were provided by the SAVE Animal shelter. These dogs could be up for adoption. For more information, contact SAVE.

SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals

900 Herrontown Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 921-6122

www.savehomelessanimals.org

For more information regarding Borough and Township Code of Laws please visit

www.princetonboro.org
www.princetontwp.org

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Responsible Dog Ownership



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License and Registration

Borough of Princeton

Each person owning or harboring a dog within the Borough must annually apply to the borough clerk for a license and official metal registration tag during the month of May.

In the event that dog ownership occurs after May 31, a license and tag shall be obtained within 10 days of acquiring the dog.

License and registration tags shall expire on May 31 the succeeding year.

Fees:

License and Registration: \$22.20

*Any dog of reproductive age that has not been sterilized will be charged \$3.00, in addition to both license and registration fees.

Princeton Township

Each person owning or harboring a dog within the township must annually apply to the Township clerk for a license and official metal registration tag during the month of January.

In the event that dog ownership occurs after January 31, a license and tag shall be obtained within 10 days of acquiring the dog.

License and registration tags shall expire on January 31 the succeeding year.

Fees:

License and Registration:

Spayed/Neutered: \$8.20

Non-spayed/non-neutered: \$11.20

*In addition to all fees referred to above, the Township shall charge \$0.50 for a duplicate license and registration tag.

****The licensing fee for a potentially dangerous dog in both the Borough and Township is \$700 ****

Dogs at Large

Dogs in the Borough and Township of Princeton are not allowed to be "at large". This means that dog owners must always keep their dogs under control when out in the community. Dogs who are "at large" include but are not limited to:

- Dogs that are out without their owners
- Dogs that are tied up and left alone outside of a building

All dogs must be confined on a leash no longer than eight feet in length and accompanied by and under the control of a responsible person when taken out-of-doors.



their dog on any property, including both public and private areas.

Disposal of pet solid wastes

All pet owners and keepers must immediately and properly dispose of solid waste deposited by their dog on any property, including both public and private areas.

The requirement of proper waste disposal is necessary in protecting public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Public Nuisances

No person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog shall suffer or permit such dog to bark, howl, or cry habitually in such manner as to constitute a nuisance.

Responsible dog owners ensure that their dogs' barking is not disturbing neighbors.

In addition, all dog owners must restrain their dog from threatening, menacing, biting or molesting any person, chasing any vehicle upon a public street, or damaging the lawn or grounds of any other person's property.

Complaints may be filed with Princeton Animal Control.

Fees and Penalties

Borough of Princeton

Any person failing to comply with the Borough and Township Code of Laws regarding their dogs shall be subject to a minimum penalty consisting of a fine which may be fixed at any amount not exceeding \$100. Repeat offenders shall be sentenced to an additional fee.

Any person convicted of violating any ordinance of the Borough who is in default of the payment of any fine imposed for the violation may, under the court's discretion, be imprisoned for a term not exceeding ninety days or be required to perform community service for a period not exceeding ninety days.

Princeton Township

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Having an unlicensed dog - first offense.....	\$50
Having an unlicensed dog - second offense.....	\$75
Failure to wear official metal registration.....	\$50
Failure to wear proper leash - first offense.....	\$50
Failure to wear proper leash - second and subsequent offense.....	\$100
Failure to provide and prove vaccination of a dog against rabies shall be penalized with a fine not to exceed \$50 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ten days, or by both fine and imprisonment.	

Any person who violates any other ordinance of the Township shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense, and each day in which such violation continues shall be deemed as a separate offense

