

In this digital age, it should be relatively easy to apply for a dog license. For years, this has required either mailing the license and fee in to the county, or coming in person. Either way, you had to first go to your veterinarian to obtain proof of rabies vaccination, and then mail it in, or bring it with you.



But since taking responsibility for dog licensing in July, the Sheriff's Office has begun implementing new licensing procedures that are sure to make dog owners smile.

Licenses Now Expire when your Rabies Vaccination Expires

Dog owners now no longer need to wait until the fall/spring to license their dogs. Once you have your rabies certificate, you can get your license, and then both will expire at the same time--saving you time and delays in getting both done at different times.

The County Now Makes it Possible for You to Get Your License in Multiple places

You now no longer have to come to one place, and the County has passed an ordinance allowing the animal shelter AND participating veterinarians to process applications and accept the fees. Currently, the two locations processing applications are:

- The Columbia County Sheriff's Office
901 Port Avenue, St. Helens, OR 97051
We are open on **business days** from **8:30 a.m. to noon** and **1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**
(You may also mail in the application to this address with proof of rabies and necessary fees. You can download an application online at:
<http://www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff/images/pdfs/Dog%20License%20Application.pdf>
- The Columbia Humane Society
2084 Oregon Street, St. Helens
Open Tuesday through Thursday *and* Saturday & Sunday--Noon to 7 pm on those days

A few veterinarian offices are in the process of considering the contract with the County to accept applications and fees for dog licensing. This would increase the ease for dog owners who could get rabies vaccinations and licenses for their dogs at the same time. Ask your veterinarian if they are taking part in this program.

The County Will Soon Make On-Line License Applications Available

The ultimate goal is for dog owners to take care of licensing requirements at THEIR convenience. We are in the testing phase right now for an online dog licensing program that will revolutionize the way licenses are obtained in Columbia County.

Watch our [Facebook Page](#) and our [Website](#) for when this program goes live!