

## **Dog Licensing Program Changes for 2016**

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Effective July 1, 2016, Dog Licensing is now under the Office of Sheriff for the purpose of creating enhanced communication between licensing and County Dog Control. Licensing fees are the primary source of funding that provides for the work of our dog control office, including our ability to house stray and dangerous dogs. Dog Control's ability to work closely with licensing helps the Dog Control Office locate dog owners more quickly to return lost dogs, cuts down on mistakes in addressing dog control problems, and improves the service to dog owners in other ways by increasing the coordination between licensing, the animal shelter and the Dog Control Office.

Dog Licenses are now available from the Sheriff's Office Monday Through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but you must present proof of rabies inoculation in order to obtain a license. You can download a pdf version of the license by going to

<http://www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff/images/pdfs/Dog%20License%20Application.pdf> .

Questions can be addressed to the Dog Control Clerk at (503) 366-4606.