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To All Dog Owners in Portage County,

State law and Portage County ordinances, **require all dogs to be licensed**, and that rabies vaccinations be current. The owner of any dog more than 5 months of age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, or 5 months of age within the license year, must annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, obtain a license for that dog. A dog license is valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Dog licenses can be easily obtained from your municipal treasurer, and are reasonably priced. There is also an option to obtain a multiple dog license for owners of kennels or for those with a large number of dogs.

There is a mandatory late fee if you fail to obtain a license by April 1<sup>st</sup>, or after 30 days of ownership of a new eligible dog. Licenses can also be obtained from the Humane Society of Portage County – and they even are open on Saturdays if you can't get to your municipal clerk during normal business hours.

The Sheriff's Office takes dog licensing seriously because of the potential impact on public health and safety. We have teamed up with the Humane Society to enforce licensing and vaccination laws. **A citation to the owner of an unlicensed dog can cost between \$169.00 and \$263.50.**

More information regarding the County's Animal Control Program can be found at the County's web site, [www.co.portage.wi.us](http://www.co.portage.wi.us). Details on licensing, rabies control, and more can be located here.

Please do your part to safeguard our community by vaccinating and licensing your dogs. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

  
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