JAMI BRADFORD
VAN WERT COUNTY AUDITOR

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VAN WERT, OHIO 45891

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Monday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VAN WERT COUNTY DOG LICENSES:

IT'S THE LAW
(ORC 955.02)
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/VanWert. Credit card payments only; $2.25/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: **Van Wert County Auditor**. Please do not send cash. **Before February 1**, licensing rate for one year is **$18.00 per dog**. **After January 31**, statutory late penalty increases the licensing rate for one year to **$36.00 per dog**. Your application cannot be processed without the correct fees.
4. Please return the application, check or money order, and a self-addressed stamped envelope in the enclosed return envelope. A receipt will be returned to you with your 2026 license tag(s).

You may purchase the tag(s) in person at: Van Wert County Auditor's Office; 121 E Main St; Van Wert, OH 45891.

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" 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 by mail or in person at the Van Wert County Auditor's office. **No Refunds Permitted**

2026 LICENSE FEES			
	1 YR	3 YR	Permanent
Before Feb 1st	$18.00	$54.00	$180.00
After Jan 31st	$36.00	$72.00	$198.00

Certificate of registration and registration tags shall be valid only during the CALENDAR year IN which they are issued, AND DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR OR YEARS FOR WHICH THEY ARE ISSUED. ORC Sec 955.09.

----------Detach and Return Application with Payment----------

APPLICATION for the registration of dog(s) for the year 2026

JAMI BRADFORD, County Auditor
121 E. MAIN ST; VAN WERT, OHIO 45891

Age		Sex	Spay/	Color								Hair	Breed	Dog Name	Term	Fee Paid	Penalty	--- Office Use ---	
YRs	MOs	(M/F)	Neut	BL	WH	GR	BD	TA	BR	YE	RE	(S/M/L)			(1/3/P)			2025 License #	2026 License #

Color Codes: BL=Black; **WH**=White; **GR**=Gray; **BD**=Brindle; **TA**=Tan; **BR**=Brown; **YE**=Yellow; **RE**=Red; **OT**=Other

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 955.02, 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 _____