

Why License Your Pet?

A ticket home and serving as their voice is what a round silver tag means for the 48,248 dogs and cats that received a license in 2008. A current license also provides an important public safety service.

Rabies is a serious threat to public safety. The rabies virus can be transmitted fairly easily through saliva or blood contact with an infected animal. Most cities or counties have ordinances that require pets are vaccinated against rabies and the license tag confirms record of this vaccination. Vaccinating your pets against rabies ensures their protection should they come into contact with a suspected rabies carrier such as a bat.

Licensing your pet also ensures that your contact information is on file so Larimer Humane Society can reunite you with your lost animal. Thanks to our community's compliance with the Licensing Program nearly one-half of the stray animals brought to the shelter are quickly reunited with their guardians. In addition, by referring to the license tag, Animal Protection and Control Officers return over 325 stray animals directly to their homes in 2008.