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## SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT URGES RESIDENTS TO LICENSE THEIR DOGS

Seal Beach, CA – The Seal Beach Police Department urges all dog owners to ensure that their animals are properly licensed. Each City of Seal Beach license tag is valid for one year from the date of purchase and can never extend beyond the expiration of the dog's rabies vaccination. In order to avoid late penalties, ensure your dog's license has not expired more than 30-days.

When the City inaugurated its PetData online licensing portal in July 2024, hundreds of residents obtained one-year tags; consequently, a substantial number of those licenses will lapse in July 2025.

All dogs four months of age or older must possess a current license and an up-to-date rabies vaccination as a condition of lawful residency within the City.

Maintaining an active license serves several public-interest purposes. It furnishes official proof of rabies immunization; links each animal to its owner, thereby expediting reunification should the dog become lost; provides accurate data for planning animal-control and emergency-sheltering resources; and—through optional donations at checkout—supports community initiatives administered by the Seal Beach Police League.

Licensing or renewal may be completed in either of the following ways. Owners may visit [PetData.com/SealBeach](https://PetData.com/SealBeach), select "Apply Online," upload a current rabies certificate (and, if applicable, proof of spay or neuter), and remit payment by credit card; multiple dogs may be licensed in a single session, and a nominal convenience fee applies.

Alternatively, owners may complete a physical application available at the lobby of the Seal Beach Police Department.

Each Seal Beach license tag remains valid for one year from the date of purchase and may not extend beyond the expiration date of the rabies vaccination on file. Timely renewal therefore preserves continuous compliance, avoids late penalties, and safeguards both canine companions and the broader community.

“Ensuring that every dog in Seal Beach is properly licensed is a shared responsibility and a simple act of civic stewardship,” stated Chief of Police Michael Henderson.

“Prompt renewal through our online or mail-in options will help residents remain in full compliance while enabling Animal Control Officers to continue delivering the highest level of service.”

For further information, please consult [PetData.com/SealBeach](http://PetData.com/SealBeach), telephone (877) 730-6348, or contact Seal Beach Animal Control at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1160 or at [animalcontrol@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:animalcontrol@sealbeachca.gov).

#### About the Seal Beach Police Department

The Seal Beach Police Department’s mission is to drive down crime and improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Seal Beach.

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