

# Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

## Zero-tolerance enforcement for pet licensing begins today

Beginning today, Animal Control Peace Officers will act with zero-tolerance when enforcing the pet licence bylaw. The owner of any pet found without a licence will be issued a fine of \$250 per pet.

A pet licence ensures that the City can contact an owner if their pet is found. All pets over six months of age must be licensed each year – even pets that remain indoors. Licences are affordable and can be easily obtained or renewed online, by mail or in person: for a spayed or neutered cat, a pet licence costs a little more than five cents a day.

It is estimated that more than 60 per cent of all cats and more than 30 per cent of all dogs in the city are unlicensed.

Pet licences also provide:

- a free ride home once a year for lost cats and dogs with valid licences
- care of more than 6,000 animals at the City of Edmonton's safe-keeping facility
- emergency veterinary care to injured stray pets
- responsible pet ownership education programs
- enforcement services for public safety
- funding to the Edmonton Humane Society and other local rescue groups that re-home animals transferred from the City's safe-keeping facility

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### For more information:

Visit [licenseyourpet.ca](http://licenseyourpet.ca)

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