

Registration of Dogs and Vaccinations

If you own a dog in Japan, there are obligations that the owner must fulfil, as determined by the Rabies Prevention Act.

- (1) Owners must register their dogs within the municipality where they are currently residing.
- (2) Owners must have their dogs vaccinated for rabies once a year.
- (3) A dog tag (license) and rabies tag (indicating completion of injection) must be attached to the collar of the owner's dog.

※Owners will be subject to a fine of up to ¥200,000 if found violating any of the above.

■ Registration of dogs

A registration is needed in order to know who and where the dog is being taken care of.

- There is only one registration per dog (if you are relocating to another municipality, please notify in the new place and receive your dog's tag).
- Owners are responsible for registering their dog 90 days after its date of birth (registration may be conducted at the Environmental Measures Division counter *Kankyō Taisaku-Ka*).
- When your pet dog dies, please notify the city hall. (Telephone notification is acceptable.)

■ Preventative injection against rabies

Rabies—a disease that can infect all mammals, including humans—is an extremely deadly disease that is almost 100% fatal to humans once symptoms appear. However, preventive vaccinations can prevent the symptoms from developing. By administering the vaccination, this not only protects the dog, but also the owner, their family, neighbors, and other animals in the area.

- Starting 90 days after their dogs' birth, owners are responsible for having them vaccinated once a year.
- If injections are given at vets other than those listed below, the city hall must be notified. Please check with the vet about the procedure.

| Name | Address | Tel. |
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| Ishihara Doubutsu Byouin | Midori-Shi Kasakake-Cho Shika 2525-6 | 0277-77-1286 |
| Inamura Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Ishibashi-Cho 817-5 | 0276-37-7219 |
| Kanayama Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Higashiimaizumi-Cho 277-6 | 0276-40-2220 |
| Kaneko Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Takahayashi Higashi-Cho 1657-1 | 0276-38-5591 |
| Komaigi Pet Clinic | Ota-Shi Komaigi-Cho 354 | 0276-48-7221 |
| Sakura Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Arai-Cho 577-8 | 0276-60-1851 |
| Toda Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Fujiagu-Cho 617-13 | 0276-25-4572 |
| Nitta Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Nitta Ichinoi-Cho 957 | 0276-57-0411 |
| Hoshino Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Minamiyajima-Cho 750-1 | 0276-60-5311 |
| Mew Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Arai-Cho 533-14 | 0276-49-0500 |
| Yabuzuka Doubutsu Byouin | Ota-Shi Obara-Cho 1893-2 | 0277-78-8550 |

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■ Attachment of dog tag and rabies tag

The owner will be issued a dog tag *Kansatsu* at the time of registration, and a rabies tag *Chushazumihyou* once your dog is injected with the vaccination. These tags serve as certification that your dog has been registered and administered the vaccination, and thus must be worn (by the dog).

The tags also have registration numbers written on them. Even if your dog becomes lost, it can be traced back and returned to the owner by checking the information recorded on the tags.

● How to take care of your dog

- Please do not cause disturbances (smell of dog waste, loud noise, etc.) to your neighbors.
- Letting your dog loose is extremely dangerous and against the law. Never let your dog run free outside of your home.
- Please make sure to take home and dispose of feces during walks.

● Subsidies for spaying / neutering dogs and cats

In order to reduce unwanted pregnancies and increases in stray dogs and cats, subsidies for sterilization procedures are being offered (subsidies for male dogs are not available). Ota City residents who own cats / dogs are eligible to receive this subsidy. Individuals owning pets for commercial purposes or who have unpaid taxes (including family members) are not eligible. Female dogs need to be registered and vaccinated for the fiscal year in order to receive subsidies.

After being sterilized, please have the veterinarian write a Certificate of Completed Sterilization *Hinin Kyosei Shuzutsu Jisshizumi Shoumeisho* and visit the Environmental Measures Division (Ota City Hall 5F / Counter 54) within the fiscal year the procedure was performed. Please bring something that shows your bank account information and a seal-*Inkan* (not made of rubber/plastic *Shachihata* seals) for filling out when applying.

Contact Information:

Ota City Hall (5F, Counter 54)

Environmental Measures Division *Kankyou Taisaku-Ka*,

Tel: 0276-47-1893

Animal *Aigo* Center East Branch Office, Tel: 0276-55-0731