

Ft. Pierce Police Department

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R. Sean Baldwin

Chief of Police

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Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Police prepare for new pet registration law

FORT PIERCE – Beginning **July 20, 2009**, residents living in the City of Fort Pierce will be required to register their cats and dogs.

After this date, all cats and dogs are required to wear registration tags. Additionally, anyone who breeds cats or dogs and offers puppies or kittens for sale must obtain a breeder's registration. The law also states, that the breeder registration number shall be included in all advertisements offering any animals for sale.

The ordinance, which the Fort Pierce City Commission approved on April 20th, requires cat and dog owners to pay an annual registration fee for their pets. This registration fee is greatly reduced for sterilized cats and dogs.

Chief R. Sean Baldwin said, licensing your dog or cat protects them and allows animal control officers to return stray pets to their owners while avoiding impoundment fees that would otherwise cost owners more than \$165. Failing to follow this law will result in a fine of up to \$500.

Annual Pet Registration Fees

Each sterilized cat or dog	\$10
Each non-sterilized cat or dog	\$75
Breeders	\$100
Replacement Tags	\$5

Low-income pet owners may be eligible to receive a grant, sponsored by United For Animals, to reduce the cost of registration and provide sterilization at no cost. Applications for these grants are available through the City Clerk and the Police Department.

Pets can be registered at the following locations:

City Clerk's Office

100 N. U.S. 1

772-460-2200

Fort Pierce Police Department

920 S. U.S. 1

772-461-3820

Humane Society of St. Lucie County

100 Savanna Road

772-461-0687

Animal Clinic of Fort Pierce

2508 Okeechobee Road

772-461-2739

Willie B. Ellis Substation

1220 Avenue D

772-461-3820

Tri-County Animal Hospital

1807 Okeechobee Road

772-461-1374

Acacia Animal Hospital

4798 S. U.S. 1

772-465-2447

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