

# Animal Licenses and Control

At this time the City only requires dog licenses, however, considerable discussions have been held among the governing body about the cat problem the city has and this issue may be addressed in the near future.

Dog licenses need to be purchased at the beginning of each year and proof of rabies vaccination must be provided before a license will be issued. The cost of the license is \$3.00 for male and spayed female dogs and \$6.00 for non spayed females. The deadline to purchase your dog license is February 28<sup>th</sup> and a penalty of \$2.00 is added on for all tags purchased late. **The maximum number of dogs for one residence is four.**

Ordinance #335 was passed by the City Council on May 13, 1987 prohibiting the keeping or harboring of the "pit bull" breed or any other breed of vicious dogs. Pit bulls are totally illegal within the city limits.

The City also has a leash law for dogs. It is the responsibility of the owner to have his dog on a leash or tied up on his own property and cannot be running at large. Any dogs caught running at large can be taken to a nearby animal shelter and the owner will be responsible for all boarding costs and will be charged a \$25 fee at City Hall before the animal will be released. Should your dog be running at large a ticket may be issued by the Police Department.