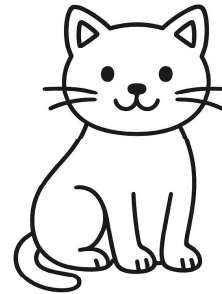


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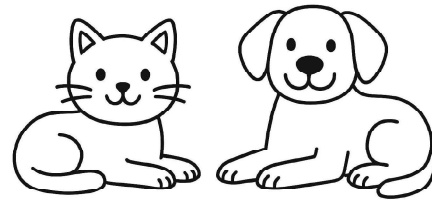
December 1, 2025

Dear McDonough County Dog and/or Cat Owner:

As a dog and/or cat owner, Illinois State Law (Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/1 through 5/35) requires you to vaccinate your dog and/or cat that is 4 months or more of age against rabies. The McDonough County Animal Control Ordinance that is authorized by State law incorporates the regulations outlined in the Animal Control Act and requires dog and/or cat owners residing within McDonough County to register their dog(s) and/or cat(s) with the county. Any dog(s) and/or cat(s) brought from another county must also be registered here in McDonough County. Anyone failing to inoculate and register their dog(s) and/or cat(s) may be subject to a fine of \$100.00.

The 2026 Dog and Cat Registration Tags are now available in the McDonough County Treasurer's Office (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). 100% OF ALL REGISTRATION FEES GO DIRECTLY TO THE OPERATION OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER. The registration fee shall be set by the County Board. The registration fee charged to an owner of a sterilized dog or companion cat shall be \$15.00 for a one-year registration or \$45.00 for a three-year registration that coincides with a three-year rabies vaccination. For an unsterilized dog or companion cat, the one-year registration fee is \$30.00 or \$90.00 for a three-year registration fee that coincides with a three-year rabies vaccination. *Note: A companion cat is an animal that is commonly considered to be, or is considered by the owner to be, a pet.* Any registration fee, except new registrations, paid after February 15, 2026 shall be assessed a late fee as follows:

- \$15 for any registration after February 15, 2026;
- \$20 for any registration after May 15, 2026; and
- \$25 for any registration after August 15, 2026.



All registration fees shall be remitted to the County Treasurer, who shall place each registration fee in the Animal Control Fund (510 ILCS 5/7). The \$15.00/\$45.00 differential for unsterilized dogs or cats shall be placed in the McDonough County Animal Population Control Fund. Funds placed in the county animal population control fund may only be used to (1) vaccinate or sterilize adopted dogs or cats; (2) sterilize or vaccinate dogs or cats owned by low-income McDonough County residents who are eligible for the Food Stamp Program or Social Security Disability Benefits Program; or (3) sterilize and vaccinate feral cats in programs recognized by the county or a municipality (510 ILCS 5/3).

To register your dog(s) and/or cat(s), you must present a valid rabies vaccination certificate for each dog and/or cat and, if applicable, proof of sterilization along with the required registration fee to the McDonough County Treasurer's Office. Payments may be made in person or by mail to the address listed at the bottom of this letter. You may also place payment in the drop off box located at the end of the sidewalk on the South side of the Courthouse. Payments may be made by check, cash and debit/credit, there will be a 2.5% fee for all debit/credit card payments.

If your dog or cat has died, been rehomed, or if you have moved out of McDonough County, please email the McDonough County Treasurer's Office at petregistration@treasurer.mcdonough.il.us, so our records can be updated.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our county rabies free and pet safe. Please make checks payable to: McDonough County Treasurer, # 1 Courthouse Square, Macomb, IL 61455

Dog and Cat Registration Fees

12\1\25 – 2/15/26: Sterilized \$15	Unsterilized \$30
<u>Three-year Fee:</u> Sterilized \$45	Unsterilized \$90

**After 2/15/2026 late fees will be assessed unless you are registering a new dog.*