



INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSING YOUR GUIDE DOG

NOTE: Guide Dog includes Hearing Ear, Seeing Eye and Mobility dogs. A Service Dog is **NOT** a pet. Before a guide dog tag is issued, the Department shall be satisfied that the dog for which the license is sought is a “dog guide”, professionally trained to aid the blind or visually handicapped, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired and is actually in use for such purpose. Proof of professional training by a service dog trainer or service dog trainer organization will be required.

To obtain the special “Dog Guide” tag you will need the following:

1. The completed Annual Cat and Dog License Application;
2. Proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccination (certificate showing the rabies expiration date). Only a certificate signed by a veterinarian, stating the date of vaccination, expiration date, and the type of vaccine, is acceptable;
3. Proof of spaying or neutering (altered), if applicable;
4. Documentation to show that the dog has been professionally trained (by a service dog trainer or service dog trainer organization) to aid the blind or visually handicapped, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired;
5. Completed Guide Dog Affidavit form which can be downloaded and printed from the department’s web page.

Once processed, a **permanent** “Dog Guide” tag is issued, along with the individual animal license which must be renewed each year. There is no fee for licensing a guide dog, however applications for additional dogs and/or cats must be submitted with the appropriate payment. To apply for additional licenses when the owner is 60 years of age or older, please provide proof of age (photocopies of driver’s license, birth certificate, senior citizen discount card, are acceptable). All dogs and cats must obtain an individual license tag annually. For questions or additional information, call 410-887-3630.

Guide dog tags are **ONLY AVAILABLE** at the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections.