

## **DOG AND CAT LICENSING:**

### **Required by August 31, 2009**

All dogs and cats over 6 months old in the City of Chanute must be licensed with the City Clerk's office by August 31, 2009. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license.

There is a significant discount for spayed or neutered pets. Please bring veterinary verification to receive the cheaper rate. There is also a senior discount for neutered pets with owners over 65 yrs of age.

Dogs must wear the license tag. Cats are not required to wear the tag. All owners must be able to show the license certificate and tag if requested.

### **License Fees for Cats and Dogs:**

Intact pets (not neutered)-----\$30.00

Spay/neutered pets-----\$10.00

Senior rate (spay/neutered only)-----\$5.00

Renewal of the same pet next year is 50% off the initial rate.

A late fee of \$5 will be charged after the due date, increasing by \$5 for each additional month.

All licenses issued in 2009 are valid until Dec 31, 2010. 2011 licenses may be purchased in January 2011.

Failure to license your dog or cat is a violation of city ordinance and may result in a citation. The standard fine for this offense is \$50, plus \$54.50 court costs for a total of \$104.50.

## **CHAINING/TETHERING**

### **Effective January 1, 2010**

Beginning January 1, 2010, it will be unlawful to chain or tether an animal for more than one continuous hour, and no more than 3 total hours per day. After an hour on a chain, the animal

must be removed from the tether for at least 3 hours. Tether areas must be free of anything that would entangle or injure the animal.

Tethers or chains must be at least 10 feet in length, and not weigh more than 1/8 of the animal's body weight. The tether must be attached to a collar or harness, not just fastened around the animal's neck.

Continuous tethering of an animal may be permitted by the Animal Control Officer for a limited period of time during special circumstances, such as repair or replacement of a fence, or temporary custody of an animal.