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County partners with DocuPet to modernize dog licensing



Licensing dogs is now easier, modernized and more valuable for residents as San Bernardino County Animal Care launches its partnership with DocuPet, a world-leading pet profiling, lost pet, and licensing platform. Though pet licensing is mandatory for dogs in Animal Care's service area, many local pet owners do not license their pets regularly. Through pet licensing, DocuPet offers residents an effective pet identification and reunification program that keeps pets out of shelters and returns them home safely.

With the announcement of this new partnership, DocuPet and San Bernardino County Animal Care hope to attract pet owners to the program.

Residents can browse hundreds of colorful and unique designer tag styles online or design their own tags with an easy-to-use customization tool. Every DocuPet tag is equipped with the free HomeSafe 24/7 lost pet service and may double as a pet's official license. DocuPet tags are assigned a unique code on the back, which links directly to a pet's secure online profile, making it easy for anyone who finds a lost pet to reference the code and create a "Found Pet Report" in seconds. Pet owners can also create Lost Pet Reports as soon as they realize their pet has gone missing. In addition, DocuPet's dispatch staff is available 24/7 to reunite lost pets with their families around the clock.

"We are excited about our partnership with DocuPet as their online licensing solution will be extremely valuable to pet owners and a necessity for animal safety and within the community," said Jennifer Osorio, Assistant Director. "This pet licensing partnership will help to reduce the number of animals in our shelter and open up space and vital resources for pets that truly need our care. We are excited for residents to utilize this program to help protect their pets and all pets in the community."

With a mission to provide a safe and happy home for every pet, DocuPet's platform will supply significant resources to San Bernardino County Animal Care, allowing it to operate efficiently and deliver critical animal services.

"We are proud to kick off this program with San Bernardino County Animal Care to increase pet identification and reunification services for all residents," said Grant Goodwin, DocuPet's CEO. "Pets wearing DocuPet license tags spend little to no time in the shelter versus unlicensed pets, and for those pets that do need support and care, license fees help keep the shelter running. We thank San Bernardino County Animal Care for coming on board to be an impactful part of the solution."

Licensing dogs in San Bernardino County is mandatory. Pet owners can learn more and register pet licenses online at <https://animalcare-sbcounty.docupet.com>. Licensing is available by mail, over the phone, or in person. DocuPet is available to residents who reside in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County, and the cities of Big Bear Lake, and Yucaipa.

To learn more about San Bernardino County Animal Care or to see available pets for adoptions, visit animalcare.sbcounty.gov.