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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Monday, January 8, 2018

### **Toms River Animal Facility to Hold Free Rabies Clinic**



*(Toms River, NJ)* The Toms River Animal Facility will be holding a free rabies clinic on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Residents are reminded to bring proof of prior immunization, if applicable, and proof the animal is spayed or neutered.

The Toms River Animal Facility is located at 235 Oak Avenue, adjacent to Police Headquarters.

### **Dog Licenses Renewed in January**

Dog owners are reminded that all dogs over seven months of age must be licensed each year, per State law. In Toms River, dog licenses must be renewed each year in January. To purchase a dog license, the owner must present a current rabies shot certificate with an expiration date after November 1, 2018. If the shot expires before November 1st, the dog cannot be licensed.

The cost is \$15 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$20 if not spayed or neutered. A late fee of \$5 plus the cost of license begins in February and increases to ten dollars plus the cost of the license in March. Late Fees are set by Ordinance and cannot be waived.

All pet licenses can be renewed in person at the Toms River Health Department, 33 Washington Street, or by mail. Please visit our website, [www.tomsrivertownship.com](http://www.tomsrivertownship.com) or call (732) 341-1000 extension 8400.



## Benefits of Dog Licensure

Licensing dogs and placing the license on the dog's collar has many benefits for the dog owner, as well as for the citizens, including the following benefits:

**3 YEAR**  
**PROTECTION**  
**FOR YOUR**  
**CAT, DOG,**  
**FAMILY**  
**AND**  
**COMMUNITY**

**FREE**

**RABIES**  
**VACCINATION**  
**CLINIC**

**TAKE YOUR DOG / CAT TO:**

PLACE: TOMS RIVER ANIMAL SHELTER

DATE: Sat., 1/13/18

TIME: 10am - 12pm

In Cooperation / New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

- Licensed dogs are vaccinated against rabies and those with current license tags on their collars are considered generally protected from the disease.
- A licensed dog that wanders off the owner's property or gets lost can be traced and quickly returned to its owner by animal control officers.
- Dog licensing is mandatory in all New Jersey municipalities and the licensing fee is much less than the fines and penalties for having unlicensed dogs.
- License fees support animal control, animal sheltering and rabies control activities within the municipality.

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