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# Press Release

## **Dauphin County Treasurer's Office selects PADogLicense.com to handle online dog licensing**

HARRISBURG, PA – December 5, 2012 – The Dauphin County Commissioners approved the selection of PADogLicense.com® to process all online dog licenses for the Dauphin County Treasurer's Office, according to county treasurer Janis Creason. The online service will be available beginning December 10, 2012. Residents will be able to purchase dog licenses through PaDogLicense.com's secure site using their credit or debit card or checking account.

Dog owners who register their dogs through the online site will be able to print a paper license immediately. The numbered metal tag will be mailed to the dog owner a few days following the online purchase.

Licensing dogs over the age of three months in Pennsylvania is mandated by state law. Those who do not comply can receive fines up to \$300 for each violation of the law. The fees collected through the licensing program are used to underwrite the cost of monitoring kennels and so-called puppy mills in Pennsylvania, as well as many other dog welfare initiatives which are not funded by tax dollars.

As an added benefit, dogs that are licensed can be more readily reunited with their owners if they become lost. The treasurer's office records all license sales and can contact the owner when a lost dog is found. The PADogLicense.com® software also offers an affiliated site, [www.palostdogs.com](http://www.palostdogs.com), which allows residents who have lost dogs to post a description and photo of their lost pet. More than 1,211 dogs statewide have been reunited through this site.

Dog owners are encouraged to visit PADogLicense.com to purchase their annual licenses. Licenses run with the calendar year and must be renewed annually. Lifetime licenses are also available, but must be purchased directly from the Treasurer's Office. Instructions are available on the county's website, [www.DauphinCounty.org](http://www.DauphinCounty.org). Questions may be directed to Janis Creason, Dauphin County Treasurer at (717) 780-6550 or [treasurer@dauphinc.org](mailto:treasurer@dauphinc.org).

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