

# RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

- Owning a pet means committing to caring for your pet for the entirety of their life.
- Prevent your pet from negatively impacting others and the environment, including proper waste disposal, noise control, and not allowing pets to run loose or become feral.



- Own only a number of pets for which you can provide an appropriate and safe environment. This includes food, water, shelter, health care and companionship. Animals that spend extended periods of time outside is not adequately protected when it comes to their health, safety and welfare.
- Spay and neuter your pet to help control overpopulation.
- Vaccinate your pet and protect them against parasites as recommended by your veterinarian.

## FREEHOLD BOROUGH

30 Mechanic Street  
Freehold, New Jersey 07728  
Phone: 732-462-4200  
Business hours: Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM

### QR CODE QUICK LINKS BELOW:



Pet License Application



Chicken Permit Application



Freehold Borough  
Municipal Website



Freehold Borough  
Facebook Page



AVMA Responsible Pet  
Ownership More Info



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FREEHOLD AREA HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
Working Hard to Keep You Healthy

# DOMESTICATED PETS

## Vaccination Requirements:

- Domesticated dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed annually with the Borough.
- Rabies vaccine prevents the life-threatening disease often found in wildlife. Rabies can be passed to humans if a pet is exposed.
- The Freehold Borough Board of Health offers a free rabies clinic every year, for more information call 732-462-7057.

## License Requirements:

- Dogs seven months of age or older must be licensed annually. There are no age requirements to license a cat.
- The owner must present proof that the pet has been vaccinated against rabies.
- Freehold Borough residents have the choice to register their pets for a one-year or three-year license.
- Licensing helps reunite lost pets with owners.

# NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

## Application for Residential Chickens:

- Raising and keeping of backyard female chickens is permitted for non-commercial use and under certain conditions as outlined in the chicken permit application.
- Male chickens (roosters) are not permitted.
- No person should raise or keep chickens without a permit to do so from the Board of Health. Permits must be issued annually.
- To access a permit application, please scan QR code on the back.



All license applications are available at Freehold Borough Hall or on the website: [freeholdboroughnj.gov](http://freeholdboroughnj.gov)

# WILD ANIMALS

## FEEDING WILD ANIMALS IS PROHIBITED. WHY SHOULD I NOT FEED WILD ANIMALS?

- Feeding can attract wildlife that carry diseases including rabies, increasing the risk of exposure to pets and humans. Violation of this ordinance is subject to a fine.
- Any individual who is caring for non-owned or feral cats (providing food, water, shelter etc.) must register with Freehold Borough by contacting Lynn Cannon at [Lcannon@freeholdboro.org](mailto:Lcannon@freeholdboro.org)

