



City of Richmond - Animal Care & Control  
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## BREEDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Please complete this application in its entirety

Application type:  Individual  Commercial /  New  Renewal

### Applicant:

Last Name		First Name		Middle	
Street Address			Apt #	City	State Zip Code
Home #	Alternate #	Email		SSN # or DL #	

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect?  NO  Yes

If YES: Where? Date of Conviction? \_\_\_\_\_

Animal:  Dog  Cat *A separate application is required for each owned dog or cat*

Name	Breed	Primary Color	Secondary Color
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	DOB/Age	City License #	Year Issued
Previous Breeder Permit #	Rabies Tag #	Rabies Expiration Date	
Veterinary Clinic Name & Address			Phone #

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions for a City of Richmond Breeding Permit. I understand the annual fee is \$200 per pet. I have also read and initialed the back of this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**You must read and initial the back of this application**

**In accordance with the City of Richmond code Sec. 4-307. - Breeding permit,  
Please read the following carefully and initial each one**

- \_\_\_\_\_ As used in this section, the term "breeding permit" means a written authorization, issued annually by the Department, giving its lawful holder permission to breed a dog or a cat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No person shall own, harbor or keep an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat in the City that is over the age of six months without obtaining a breeding permit as provided in this section, regardless of such person's intent to breed or not to breed any such animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Each breeding permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance and may be renewed annually before its expiration date. Each applicant for such a permit shall pay an annual fee per dog or cat as set forth in Appendix A to this Code. A separate permit must be obtained for each owned dog or cat which is allowed to breed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Division of Animal Control shall administer an animal breeding permit program to allow the breeding of dogs and cats that are not sterilized consistent with criteria and according to procedures established by the Director. Under no circumstances shall such a permit be issued to a person who has been convicted of animal cruelty or neglect. In addition to the criteria and procedures established by the Director pursuant to this subsection, all breeding permits shall contain the following terms and conditions:
- \_\_\_\_\_ The owner of a female dog or cat that is not sterilized shall not allow the whelping of more than one litter per animal in any household within the permit year. Notwithstanding this requirement, the Director is hereby authorized, upon application of a permittee, to allow on a one-time basis the whelping of up to two dog or cat litters per breeding animal within any domestic household within a permit year, if the permittee establishes, according to regulations promulgated by the Director, that such breeding is required to protect the health of the animal or to avert a substantial economic loss to the permittee. If a permittee is forced to euthanize a litter of dogs or cats for medical reasons, the Director may authorize the whelping of one additional litter of dogs or cats within the same permit year by the permittee without penalty;
- \_\_\_\_\_ No offspring may be sold, adopted, bartered, or otherwise transferred, whether for compensation or otherwise, until it has reached the age of at least seven weeks;
- \_\_\_\_\_ No offspring may be sold, adopted, bartered or otherwise transferred until immunized against common diseases. The sale, adoption, bartering or transfer of a dog or cat shall include a statement signed by the seller or adopter attesting to the signatory's knowledge of the animal's health and the animal's immunization history;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any holder of a breeding permit who advertises to the public the availability of any dog or cat for sale, adoption, or transfer, whether for compensation or otherwise, must prominently display the permit number in any such advertisement. Further, the breeding permit holder must provide the permit number to any person who purchases, adopts or receives any animal from the permit holder and include the permit number on any receipt of sale or transfer document;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial establishments that sell dogs or cats bred within the City shall prominently display the breeding permit number of the breeder whose dogs and cats are sold in such establishments and any other pertinent information required by the Director. Commercial establishments that sell dogs and cats which were not bred within the City shall prominently display the name and address of the breeder of such dogs and cats and any other pertinent information required by the Director;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any breeding permit holder selling or otherwise transferring a dog or a cat, whether for compensation or otherwise, shall submit to the Department the name, address and telephone number of the animal's new owner within five days from the sale or other transfer, on a City-approved form; and
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any breeding permit holder or commercial establishment which sells or otherwise transfers a dog or cat, whether for compensation or otherwise, shall provide to the new animal owner the City application for a license and breeder's permit as well as written information regarding the license and permit requirements of the City applicable to such animal.

**Penalties for breeding violations**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Any cat or dog owner found by the Department to be in violation of the breeding permit requirements of Section 4-307 may correct the violation by providing conclusive proof to the Department that the dog or cat has been sterilized; by authorizing the Department to have the animal sterilized, at the owner's expense, prior to the animal's release; or by obtaining a breeding permit as required by Section 4-307 prior to the animal's release. If the owner fails to correct the violation as provided in this subsection, the owner shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Department may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this section upon a finding that the permit holder has violated the terms and conditions of this section. Such a finding shall be made only after giving the owner of the animal in question notice of the violations and an opportunity to explain such violations to the Department.