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Last Week to Buy 2009 Dog Tags for \$14

State Law Requires Late Fee after Jan. 31

HAMILTON, Ohio – Butler County dog owners can still purchase a license for their pet at the regular fee of \$14 from the Butler County Auditor's Office through Jan. 31. After Jan. 31 a late fee kicks in and the tag increases to \$28.

The Auditor's Office will accept walk-ins at the office, located on the fourth floor of the county Administration Building, 130 High Street, through Friday, Jan. 30. Those wishing to purchase tags on Saturday, Jan. 31, may do so here on our Web site or visit one of our vendors located throughout the county. As of Monday, Jan. 26, 4,394 tags had been purchased Online.

It is the law in Ohio that ALL dogs three months of age and older be licensed through the auditor's office. When an animal control officer finds a licensed dog running loose they can look up the information and make sure the dog is returned safely home. If a dog is found without a current license the animal may be impounded.

This year, for the first time, our office offered the option of Online purchase through our Web site. The site accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. There are also 53 agents across Butler County who sell official county dog tags. A complete list of agents and their locations can also be found at the auditor's Web site.

We mailed renewal forms to more than 27,000 county residents who registered approximately 36,000 dogs in 2008. The form includes information on how to renew or cancel a tag in addition to adding a new dog. Renewal forms postmarked by Jan. 31, 2009, will not be considered late.