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## **2009 Dog Tags Now on Sale From Auditor's Office** State Law Requires Dogs to be Licensed

HAMILTON, Ohio – The Butler County Auditor's Office will be selling 2009 Dog Tags beginning Dec. 1 through Jan. 31 for \$14 on the fourth floor of the county Administration Building, 130 High Street. After Jan. 31 a late fee kicks in and the tag increases to \$28.

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, tags can also be purchased Online through our office Web site. The site accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. There are also 52 agents across Butler County who sell official county dog tags. A complete list of agents and their locations can be found at the auditor's Web site, [www.butlercountyauditor.org](http://www.butlercountyauditor.org).

The Auditor's Office has 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.