

The city of Ramsey has registered a total of 1641 animals (dogs and cats) since the registration ordinance was adopted. There are 604 current valid license registrations. Staff maintains a database of the registrations that include information such as owner name, owner address, rabies vaccination date, vaccination expiration date, animals name, breed, color, & sex.

The fee for registration is \$10 if the animal is spayed/neutered, and \$20 if not. Registration is valid as long as the rabies vaccination is not expired. This can range from 1 to 3 years based on the age of the animal.

The City of Ramsey has collected the following amounts for animal license registrations:

2017: \$1,480

2018: \$2,590

2019 to date: \$110

Police Department staff handle animal complaints and two annual pet clinics. The primary goal of pet clinics has been to ensure up to date vaccinations and registration of animals with the city. Pet clinics require 4 city staff, veterinary services contract, food, venue, signage, etc.

In addition to local veterinary providers, large pet stores offer similar vaccination clinics on a monthly basis at their locations.

In recent years social media has been helpful in reuniting pets with their owners and adopting animals out instead of euthanizing. Many animal rescue organizations follow social media outlets and will either accept the animal or find a suitable home.

Dog and cat microchipping is newer technology and a relatively simple procedure. A veterinarian injects a microchip for pets, about the size of a grain of rice (12mm), beneath the surface of your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. A microchip is a permanent pet ID. The microchip itself has no internal energy source, so it will last the life of your pet. It is read by passing a microchip scanner over the pets shoulder blades. The scanner emits a low radio frequency that provides the power necessary to transmit the microchips unique cat or dog ID code and positively identify the pet. The average cost for microchipping is around \$45.

The Ramsey Police Department has microchip readers available to staff.

Ramsey Police Department Records:			
	2016	2017	2018
Animal Complaints	434	456	456
Number of Animals Impounded	37	62	70
Number of Animals Released to Owners	35	55	59
Number of Euthanizations	2	2	0
# of animals served at Pet Clinics	260	125 *	231

- 1 pet clinic canceled due to weather in 2017