

Animals / Pets

Keeping a dog

(1) Registering a dog

Irrespective of the size of the dog, dogs over 91 days old must be registered within 30 days from the day its owner started keeping it. Puppies should be registered within 30 days after they become 91 days old.

Enquiries Nishinomiya City Office Animal Control Center 0798-81-1220

When a registration is made, the owner is given a dog license (kansatsu) which must be attached to the dog's collar.

You need only to register your dog once. If matters related to registration change, such as the owner's change of address or a change of ownership, the owner's city, ward, town or village office must be notified immediately.

(2) Rabies vaccination

Dogs over 91 days old must receive a rabies vaccination once a year. Rabies vaccinations are administered at your local veterinary clinic. After the dog has been vaccinated, the owner is given a "rabies vaccination completed" (kyokenbyo yobochusha sumi hyo) tag which should be attached to the dog's collar.

Every year around April, open rabies vaccinations take place on fixed days and times at parks, etc. Information such as dates and time of group open rabies vaccinations will be noted in "Shisei News" (City Newsletter) and Nishinomiya City Website. Registered dog owners in Nishinomiya City are notified directly by sealed letters.

(3) Other

It is forbidden to keep pets in some apartments/condominiums, etc. If you intend to keep a pet in an apartment, it is advisable to check the conditions in the lease. It is the dog's owner's responsibility to clean up after the dog if it fouls while out for a walk. Take a bag along, take the feces home and dispose of them there. When the dog urinates, please wash out the urine with water.

Nishinomiya City Office Animal Control Center offers consultation and answers questions on the behavior, physiology, environment and hour to keep dogs and cats. Contact 0798-81-1220

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.