

Effective January 1, 2025

Marion County Unaltered Animal Registry

The Marion County Unaltered Animal Registry is a free annual registry where dog owners must register any unaltered dog more than six months old.

Who has to register?

Owners with any unaltered dog more than six months old. Starting Jan. 1, 2025, owners must register their dog(s) every year unless a vet certification states a dog cannot be sterilized.

What does "unaltered" mean, and how much does it cost to register?

An unaltered animal is an animal that has not been spayed or neutered. The registry is free.

What happens if I don't register?


A first offense will result in a warning and education about how to have your dog spayed or neutered. Continued violations may result in fines.


Guidelines for Responsible Unaltered Animal Ownership


By registering, an owner agrees to:

- an annual veterinarian exam with core vaccinations
- report new litters to Indianapolis Animal Care Services within two weeks of birth
- obtain a unique Litter ID Number to use in the sale or transfer of puppies
- microchip each puppy before it is sold or transferred
- keep records of litters, as well as buyer contact information, for at least two years
- not breed a female until a veterinarian deems her healthy, and not more than once every 18 months



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