

## LICENSE YOUR PET FOR 2023

ALL DOGS & CATS MUST BE LICENSED ANNUALLY WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

This helps ensure that all pets have a current rabies vaccine and also supports animal control at both the local and state levels

To license your pet online visit <u>maplewoodnj.gov/pets</u> To request a paper form call (973) 762-8120 x2006 or email <u>HealthDepartment@maplewoodnj.gov</u>

\$15 FOR SPAYED/NEUTERED \$18 FOR NON SPAYED/NEUTERED A \$7 Late Fee applies for licenses renewed after Jan 31st.





## MAPLEWOOD HEALTH DPT.

## PLEASE DON'T FEED THE CATS

The US Department of Agriculture considers feral cats to be an invasive species. They pose a tremendous threat to native wildlife, including birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, but research indicates they are not effective in controlling other invasive species. In fact, cat "feeding stations" that are left out throughout the day attract unwanted rodents, raccoons, and other animals. Feral cats can contract and spread a wide variety of diseases and parasites to both people and other animals.

Cats are the most common source of rabies in domestic animals. When people continue to leave food for them, they will come and bring more cats and other wild animals along with them.

Maplewood and South Orange both have ordinances against feeding outdoor cats:

Maplewood Township Ordinance 113-30 states:

No person shall provide, permit or maintain to be permitted food to stray unlicensed cats. No food for cats, licensed or unlicensed, shall be placed outside a residence where a stray unlicensed cat may have access to the food.

According to South Orange Township Ordinance 170-3: Feeding and/or sheltering of either stray or feral cats on any public or private property located within the Township of South Orange Village is prohibited.

Despite the best of intentions, leaving food out for feral cats does more harm than good. The best thing to do is to not feed the cats. If you have feral cats in your neighborhood, you can call a local animal shelter for assistance on getting them adopted. Call the Maplewood Health Department at (973) 762-8120 for more information.