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2012 Pet Licenses and Dog Park Permits Go On Sale Monday

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Friday, December 09, 2011 – Calling all pet owners!! It is that time of year again to renew your pet licenses. The cost is \$15 for dogs and cats that are spayed or neutered, and \$35 for dogs and cats that are not spayed or neutered. Special rates are available for citizens over 65 years of age. New this year, while purchasing your license, dog owners can also get annual Dog Park Permits which are available for \$20 each.

The City Clerk's Office will mail renewal applications to registered pet owners on December 12th. Printable application forms are available on the city's website at www.dmgov.org. All pet licenses are **due** on January 1st each year.

In the city of Des Moines, all dogs and cats six months and older are required by ordinance to have a license. However not only will a license keep your pet legal, it's also the best insurance you have to make sure that if your pet is ever lost, Animal Control Officers can quickly return them to you.

The Ewing Dog Park located at 4600 Indianola Avenue is a great place for your dog to get exercise and socialize with other canines. The facility has 9.5 total acres – including 1 small dog area. The dog park is open year around from 6:00 am to sunset. Unlike other cities, Des Moines does not charge any additional fee to non-residents for dog parks permits.

Please call the City Clerk's Office for more information, 283-4209 (option 3). For more information contact the City of Des Moines Public Information Office at (515) 283-4795.

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