



***Gentle Care Animal Hospital***

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## MANDATORY RABIES INFORMATION UPDATE

Dear Client,

Veterinarians are required by law to collect information about which locality (county or city) each pet resides in. This information is now required on every rabies certificate issued when a pet is vaccinated against rabies.

The veterinarian is also required to send a copy of every rabies certificate to the local treasurer (Bedford County Treasurer in our case). The treasurer then sends an application for license to any pet owner who has not properly licensed their pet(s). The treasurer will forward copies of rabies certificates to the appropriate locality for animals that reside in other areas.

Currently, adult dogs and puppies 4 months or older *MUST* be vaccinated against rabies and *MUST* be licensed by the locality in which they reside. The owner must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate before the license will be issued. As soon as a puppy reaches 4 months of age, or as soon as an older dog is acquired, the owner has no more than 30 days to purchase the required license.

Remember that cats and kittens must also be vaccinated against rabies by the age of 4 months, even if they are not required to be licensed in your locality.

Please help us update our records to comply with this legislation. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Dr. Barbara H. Stevens

Dr. Samantha Davenport

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ City County

(please circle city or county)