

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**  
Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it is unlawful for any person to own a dog 6 months old or over unless the dog is licensed according to Public Act 339 of 1919; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Act allows dog owners the option of purchasing licenses every year or every third year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved resolution #A0810168 in October of 2008, which allowed for licenses to be sold for one year or three years dependent upon the rabies vaccination cycle selected by dog owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the standard cycle requires dog owners to have the three-year rabies vaccination administered during the time frame of November 1 – February 28; and

**WHEREAS**, that time frame restriction has presented problems with multiple dog owners in the county, who then were unable to take advantage of the three-year licensing option; and

**WHEREAS**, changing the dog license expiration dates to coincide with the rabies vaccination dates would remedy that issue with dog owners and could be accomplished easily by Animal Shelter staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes dog licensing to change from a calendar date renewal to a renewal date based on the pet's rabies vaccination date to be effective in 2023.

**Respectfully submitted**  
**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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Jim Curran, Chairperson

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Julie Wuerfel

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Corporate Counsel <u>JH</u>	Date <u>11/8/22</u>
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