

## Vaccinate Your Canine Companions against Rabies!

Owners are legally required to vaccinate their dogs against rabies at the time of registration and once every year. Vaccinations are available from April at veterinary clinics throughout the city.



**Candidates:** Dogs aged 91 days or older

**Costs:** Cost of rabies vaccine (inquire at the veterinary clinic)

Vaccinated tag (注射済票, *chusha zumi hyo*) issuance fee 550 yen

\*A separate registration fee of 3000 yen is required for unregistered dogs

**What to bring:** Explanatory postcard (To be sent out at the end of March)

- Those who have had their dogs vaccinated at a veterinary clinic outside of the city, and have a certificate of vaccination must go to the Animal Guidance Center or Kambara Branch Office in order to receive a vaccinated tag.
- Change-of- registration procedure is required for dogs registered outside of the city (inquire for details).

The registration tag (鑑札, *kansatsu*) and vaccinated tag issued when your dog is registered and vaccinated provide vital clues when your dog gets lost or you are separated during a disaster. Please be certain to attach them to your dog's collar.



registration tag  
(鑑札, *kansatsu*)



vaccinated tag  
(注射済票, *chusha zumi hyo*)

### Rabies Prevention Act's Special System to Take Effect from 1 April

As per the Rabies Prevention Act, dogs are required to wear registration tags and vaccinated tags issued by the local municipality. However, in Shizuoka City, persons who commence ownership of a microchipped dog from April can register their dog themselves using the nationally designated system. In this case, the dog will be considered registered and the microchip acts as the registration tag. In principle, no in-person procedure is required for this method. See the city website ([https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/000\\_003545\\_00003.html](https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/000_003545_00003.html)) or inquire for more details.

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