

CVMA Rabies Tags

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why order through the CVMA Rabies Tag Program?

A: The CVMA Rabies Tag Program is a statewide, unified system. Every tag issued is assigned a unique ID number, so there are **no duplicate tag numbers between clinics**. Each tag can be engraved with your clinic name and phone number.

Plus, CVMA makes it **simple and convenient to order**. We remind you when it's time to order, we show you what you ordered last year, and we take your order in four easy ways: online when it's convenient for you, by mail or fax with a printed order form, or by phone at 303.318.0447.

Q: Is every tag issued a unique ID number?

A: Yes, every tag issued within the same year by CVMA is given a unique ID number. Although CVMA cannot guarantee your practice unique ID numbers from year to year, tags are, within a given year, uniquely and sequentially numbered for easy tracking.

For example, one year your clinic may be issued tag numbers 149200 – 149700. The next year, CVMA will adjust the numbering sequence so your practice does not receive the same set of numbers. However, the same numbers may be assigned again several years down the road. To make tracking easier in your practice's system, CVMA recommends using the year issued as part of the ID number. For example, entering 2019-149200 instead of simply 149200.

Q: Will CVMA keep a record of ID numbers issued?

A: CVMA maintains a master list of tag numbers that identifies which clinics were assigned what serial numbers. You are responsible for keeping an accurate log of which numbers you assign to your clients. Remember – someone who finds a lost animal with a personalized rabies tag from your practice may be calling you to locate the owner.

Q: How many tags should we order and which type of tags?

A: Here are some questions to ask yourself when putting together your order:

- Does your practice have a three-year rabies vaccination protocol? If so, you need to order a supply of the stainless steel, three-year tags.
- Does your clinic use a one-year, non-adjuvant rabies vaccine? If so, you need a supply of aluminum one-year tags.
- How many puppies and kittens do you vaccinate each year? You'll need one-year tags for them.
- Do you anticipate any changes in your practice next year? If you're adding staff or embarking on a marketing campaign, you may need to order more tags than you did last year.

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Q: Can extra cat tags be used for dogs?

A: No, cat and dog tags are not interchangeable. Please remember to only assign cat tags to cats and dog tags to dogs. Clients rely on this as a tracking system to get their pets easily returned after being lost. By issuing a cat tag to a dog it can delay the process of getting the pet returned to its owner.

Q: How are rabies certificates formatted?

A: Rabies vaccination certificates are in triplicate with file cards. They are sold in sheets of four and are available throughout the year. See a sample certificate online at colovma.org/rabiestags.

Q: When will rabies tag orders be shipped?

A: Once you place your order, your tags will be shipped directly to your clinic via UPS in mid-December. If you order supplemental tags later in the year, they will be shipped within two business days of receiving your order.

Q: Are we responsible for paying a sales & use tax on rabies tags?

A: Yes, all rabies tags are subject to a sales and use tax. CVMA will collect Colorado Sales Tax for you, as well as the RTD and Cultural District Tax (when applicable). CVMA also collects Denver Sales Tax for all practices located within Denver. **If your practice is outside of Denver, please check with your local jurisdiction for your sales and/or use tax liability on your purchase.**

Q: What if our practice runs out of tags during the year?

A: CVMA orders a limited quantity of generic, supplemental tags. These tags are not personalized, but simply list the CVMA phone number for tracking purposes. As supplemental tags are sold, CVMA's confidential database is updated to show which clinic purchased what supplemental tag ID numbers. When someone who has found a lost animal calls the CVMA phone number on the tag, they will be referred to the clinic that issued that tag to locate the animal's owner.

Order forms for supplemental tags can be found on the website, at colovma.org/rabiestags or you can call the CVMA office at 303.318.0447.

Program History

The CVMA Rabies Tag Program was formerly called the Mile Hi rabies tag program and was managed by the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society (DAVMS). DAVMS managed the Mile-Hi rabies tag program for over 30 years prior to becoming a chapter of CVMA.