

## For people who feed stray cats

- **Only feed stray cats with the understanding of other residents in your neighborhood**

Many people are disturbed by cat sounds and the smell of cat urine and feces. Please talk with such people and take them into consideration when feeding feral cats.

- **Please clean up immediately after feeding cats**

Crows and insects will be attracted by cat food if left out, which creates an unhygienic situation.

- **Please clean up cat feces**

Please set up a litter box and clean up cat feces.

- **Have cats spayed or neutered**

Preventing kittens from being born keeps cats from dying due to lack of care.



## Preparing for disasters

If you live with pets, you must also prepare for their safety in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency. Please use the following items as an emergency checklist.

- Do you have pet food, water, medicine (for at least 5 days), pet dishes, a collar, leash, toilet items, etc.?
- Is your pet vaccinated for rabies and other diseases?
- Does your pet have a license tag, a vaccination tag, an ID tag, or a microchip?
- Can your pet be caged without stress?
- Can your pet go to the toilet in a designated place?
- Is your pet afraid of other people or animals?

For more information, contact:  
Life Hygiene Counseling Subsection,  
Life Hygiene Section, Minato Public  
Health Center

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# Living with Dogs and Cats



These days in many places, including Minato City, more condominiums are allowing residents to have pets. Because neighbors live so close to one another in condominiums, it is important to be especially careful about barking or other pet sounds, smells and other ways in which people can be affected by your pet.

## To all dog owners

- **Register and vaccinate your dog against rabies**

Rabies vaccinations for dogs are required by the Rabies Prevention Act in Japan. Every dog must be registered once and receive an annual rabies vaccination.

Dog owners are requested to register their dogs with the city. You will be issued a license tag, and upon vaccination, a vaccination tag. You are required by law to hang both tags on your dog's collar or otherwise display them. Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to 200,000 yen.

License tag fee: 3,000 yen

Vaccination tag fee: 550 yen



- **Please clean up after your dog**

Please pick up your dog's droppings every time and take them to throw away at home. If your dog urinates in a walking area, please lay down a pet pee sheet to absorb the urine and rinse away the rest with water.

- **Please keep your dog on a leash**

Please keep your dog on a lead at all times when outside your home. When using a retractable leash, if you do not lock it, you will not be able to pull your dog back if it makes a sudden movement. Please walk with your dog on a short leash that doesn't extend, whenever possible. If using a retractable leash, please keep it in locked position.



## To all cat owners

- **Please keep your cat indoors**

If a cat has places inside the home to jump up to and down from, it is able to live its life indoors without stress. If it goes out, there is a chance it could get into a car accident, contract a disease, or disappear. Please keep it indoors, and just in case, have it wear an ID tag or have the cat microchipped.

- **Please spay or neuter your cat**

Spaying or neutering will keep your cat healthy and ensure a long life, preventing breeding behavior and avoiding illnesses related to sexual hormones. It will also reduce fighting behavior in mating season.

