

## **GUIDELINES FOR APPROVING REDUCED RATE PET LICENSE FEES FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Pet owners who have a ***permanent*** disability may license their pets at a reduced rate by showing proof of their disability. The pet owner may license their pet by bringing in, faxing, or mailing in proof of the pet's current rabies vaccination, completed license application form and one of the documents listed below:

### **Acceptable Documents:**

- A doctor's statement certifying the disability is permanent, or
- Copy of the resident's Social Security Disability Insurance Statement, or
- Copy of the resident's Security Income Statement, or
- Copy of the resident's **permanent** disabled person parking placard or plate DMV identification form. See for instructions (Attachment A).

### **To Apply in Person:**

Irvine Animal Care Center  
6443 Oak Canyon  
Irvine, California 92618

### **To Apply by Mail:**

Community Services  
Irvine Animal Care Center  
PO Box 19575  
Irvine, California 92623-9575

### **To Apply by Fax:**

(949) 724-7749

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Permanent Disability**

A functional limitation caused by a physical or mental impairment that restricts the ability of a person to perform activities of daily living, and that the limitation is expected to remain with the person for the person's expected natural life.

### **Social Security Disability Insurance**

SSDI is a program financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers and self-employed persons. In order to be eligible for a Social Security benefit, the worker must earn sufficient credits based on taxable work. Disability benefits are payable to disabled workers, disabled widow(er)'s or adults disabled since childhood.

### **Supplemental Security Income**

(SSI) is a program financed through general tax revenues. SSI disability benefits are payable to adults or children who are disabled or blind, who have limited income and resources, who meet the living arrangement requirements.

### **Permanent disabled person parking placard/plate identification form**

A permanent disabled person parking placard or plate is always issued to a person in two-year increments. If the date issued minus the expiration date, is less than two years, then the identification form is for a **temporary** disabled person parking placard and should not be accepted as proof of permanent disability.