

Registering your pet in Tuscany

<u>Cats</u> and <u>ferrets</u> are <u>NOT</u> required to be registered. However, it is best to obtain a pet passport as soon as possible (see Pet Passport procedures for Cats and Ferrets).

<u>Dogs</u> To contain and control the constant number of stray dogs, the Tuscan law requires all dogs staying in Tuscany longer than 90 days to be registered at the Tuscan Dog Registry/USL (local Pisa Health Department #5).

For those PCS'ing to Italy, prior to your arrival, you can ask the military vet on the post where you are stationed to insert a 15 digit (no letters) microchip, if they are available, then stamp and sign the Canine Registry form (encl.1) that you can download from the Camp Darby website. You will need this form to register your dog in Tuscany.

If your dog is **not yet microchipped** <u>with a European chip</u>, have your local veterinarian do it. The European microchip can be inserted by any authorized Italian veterinarian. Ask your vet if he/she is authorized to insert the microchip and register your dog. An authorized vet is required to register your dog within 5 days with USL. The cost of registration is included in the vet's fee (usually 30-40 Euro). You will have to provide the following documents/info to the vet:

- A copy of your passport.
- Your Italian fiscal code (Codice Fiscale).
- Your address (**Recommend that you use the Camp Darby address if you live outside of the Province of Pisa: Camp Darby, Via Vecchia Livornese, 56018 Tirrenia (PI) Also, use your cell phone number on all paperwork.)



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If your dog **already has a microchip** that can be read with European scanners (15 digits, no letters) you must provide PROOF of the insertion. This can be accomplished in two ways; having an American Military veterinarian review your pet's record for microchip information and sign the bottom of the Canine Registry form (encl 1) <u>OR</u>, having the microchip read and certified by the Pisa Pound veterinarian. (A local veterinarian can only certify microchips that they physically insert.)

With Military Vet Verification:

- You must provide proof of payment of the fee that must be paid in advance through the Community Bank or Italian Post Office. (The Italian Post office requires a pecific voucher available at USL 5)
- 2. You must submit the completed Canine Registry form with Military vet signature (encl.1) to USL 5 by either:

<u>Taking</u> it personally to the USL 5 (see map, encl.4).

or

Mailing it to USL 5, Servizio Veterinario, via Matteucci, Galleria G.B. Verace 14, 56100 Pisa (They will NOT mail back a confirmation.)

With Pisa Pound Verification:

- 1. You must provide proof of payment of the fee that must be paid in advance through the Community Bank or Italian Post Office. (The Italian Post office requires a specific voucher available at Pisa Health Department- USL 5).
- 2. Make an appointment through the Pisa Health Department n5 (USL 5). Call ACS for phone numbers and office hours. Go to the Pisa Pound for your appointment (see encl. 3a/3b) with the following documents:
 - Proof of payment / Post Office Voucher
 - A copy of your personal passport.
 - Your Italian fiscal code (Codice Fiscale).
 Your address (If you live in Livorno or in another province, you have the option to register your dog with the Pisa Health Department but you must use the Camp Darby address see above.)

