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Okinawa City Hall Announcements for Registered Residents of Okinawa City

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

FY 2012 Rabies Vaccination Shot 5/13~ 6/10 Every Sunday (Vaccination Shot: ¥2,450 + Vaccination Certificate: ¥550=¥3,000)

Based on the Rabies Prevention Law,
rabies vaccinations are mandatory
for all dogs living off base!



Dogs at least 91 days old must be registered and receive an annual rabies vaccination shot.

- ♥ If your dog is not registered, you must pay a registration fee of ¥3000.
- ♥ If you lost your dog's tag, you will need to get it re-issued for ¥1600.
- Your dog may not be able to get vaccinated depending on their condition that day. If your dog is not able to get vaccinated during the provided dates, please get them vaccinated at a veterinary hospital (contact the hospital for information about costs, etc).
- Please have someone who can keep the dog under control bring them to the vaccination site. Keep the dog's collar tight and on a short leash. If your dog tends to bite, put a muzzle on them.
- Please mind your manners! Clean up after your dog!
- Do not come with your car.
- Your dog should avoid strenuous exercise after getting vaccinated, and you should refrain from bathing them for a few days.

★ Payments are accepted in YEN ONLY.

Environment Division ☎ 939-1212 (ext. 2222) ENGLISH OK!

Pay your KEI-Car Tax by May 31 (Monday)

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A kei-car tax reduction system is available for disability certificate holders.

Those eligible for the tax reduction system:

- Physical disability certificate (*shintai-shogaisha-techo*), intellectual disability certificate (*ryoiku techo*), psychiatric disability certificate (*seishin-shogaisha-hoken-fukushi-techo*), or war injury and illness certificate (*sensho-byosha-techo*) holders.
- Certificate holders and their family members within the same household.
- Certificate holders and their family members who may not be within the same household, but who share living expenses with them. (※)
- Those who give constant care for a disabled person who lives alone. (※)

(※) → These only apply if you are able to get a "Proof of Shared Livelihood Expenses" (*seikei-doitsu-shomeisho*) or "Proof of Continuous Nursing Care" (*joji-kaigo-shomeisho*) issued by the Welfare Office Director if the certificate holder and driver are two different individuals.

Please submit the application to the Resident's Tax Division service counter by May 24 (Thursday).

• Documents needed to apply:

- ① The applicable certificate (physical, learning, intellectual disability, or war injury and illness certificate).
- ② Vehicle inspection (*shaken*) certificate
- ③ Driver's license of the driver.
- ④ Inkan
- ⑤ Tax notification form



Resident's Tax Division ☎ 939-1212 (ext. 3258, 3256)

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Okinawa City Population Statistics

Total Population:
136,330 (-283)
Male: 65,958 (-162)
Female: 70,372 (-121)

Households: 54,434 (+27)



Foreign Residents:
1,258 (+1)
(From a total of 51 countries)
April correct number: 1,257
Male: 698 (+3)
Female: 560 (-2)

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