Frequently Asked Questions about dog licensing

What is the cost to license my dog?

For an "altered" or "fixed" dog the cost is \$6.00. For a dog that is not "altered" the cost is \$11.00. There is an additional cost of \$1.00 to license your dog on-line.

What should I do if my dog loses its tag and it's not time to renew the license?

You will need to obtain a new tag from your town office or city hall.

What if I need a special license?

If you are licensing a wolf hybrid, service/search or rescue dog or need to obtain a kennel license, please contact your local municipal office.

Can a dog run "at large" in the State of Maine?

It is unlawful for any dog to run at large except when it is used for hunting. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person.



What does my dog license pay for?

When you license your dog you help support the following:



Local Animal Control Officers and District Humane Agents



The investigation of animal cruelty complaints and enforcement of animal welfare laws



Compliance with rabies vaccinations for dogs



Care for sick and stray animals



The return of lost dogs to their owners

Why do I have to license my dog?

- Maine state law <u>requires</u>
 licensing of all dogs kept
 within the limits of the State
- Dog Licensing in Maine has been an important part of controlling the spread of rabies
- The cost of licensing helps to defray the cost of community animal control
- The tag your dog wears help to identify your dog in case he gets lost

What you will need to license your dog:



Current Rabies certificate



Veterinarian's name and phone number



Spay or Neuter Certificate (if your dog has been "fixed")