

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. If you register online there will be a transaction fee and shipping/handling fee of \$2.75.

When can I License my dog?

A dog must be licensed either after 6 months of age, or after 10 days of ownership if adopted. First time license can be done at any time. Thereafter the licensing window is October 15th – January 31st. If licensed outside the window, there will be an additional \$25 fee.

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

You will need to obtain a new tag from 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, contact City Hall.

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 Human 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 requires 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 helps to identify your dog in case he/she 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 “altered”)

