

## Frequently Asked Questions for Dog Licenses

**Where do I obtain a dog license?** *You obtain a dog license at the Town Clerk's office for the town in which you are a resident.*

**How long is my dog's license good for?** *Dog licenses are good for one year and expire on the last day of the last month for which it is issued.*

**Is my dog license transferable?** *Dog licenses are not transferable. If the dog is given to a new owner then that owner must immediately license the dog in their name and receive a new tag.*

**What vaccines are necessary to license my dog?** *Your dog must have proof of current rabies vaccination. If the vaccination expires the same month as the license renews you will need to get a new rabies vaccination before the Town Clerk can renew the license.*

**What if my dog loses its license tag?** *If your dog should lose its license tag you will need to notify the Town Clerk and purchase a new tag for \$5.00.*

**What is the fee to license my dog?** *If your dog is spayed or neutered the fee to license your dog is \$10.00. If your dog is not spayed or neutered the fee is \$18.00.*

**Is there a reduced fee if you are 65 years or older?** *If you are 65 years or older you can license your spayed or neutered dog for \$5.00 and if your dog is not spayed or neutered you can license it for \$13.00.*

**Who do I contact if my dog is lost?** *You should call the Dog Control officer 518-966-8552. If the dog control officer is not available leave a message. You can follow up with the Town Clerk's office if you wish.*

**At what age am I required to license my dog?** *Dogs should be licensed once they turn 4 months old.*

**Must I license my dog if I am on vacation in the Town of Durham and the dog is licensed in my home town?** *If you will be staying in the Town of Durham more than 30 days then you must license your dog in the Town of Durham.*

**How will I know that my dog license needs to be renewed?** *The Town Clerk or the Dog Control Officer will send you a renewal notice to let you know that the dog's license needs to be renewed.*

**What if I don't license my dog?** *A person who fails to license or renew their dog license can be assessed a late penalty and or be issued an appearance ticket pursuant to section 150.20 of the criminal procedure law.*

**Is my service dog required to be licensed?** *Under New York State law, all dogs must be licensed and wear an identification tag with the license number at all times. Service dogs must display an additional license designating them as such. There is no fee for the service dog license and tag.*

**What if I am bit by a dog?** *If you are bit by a dog seek medical attention. You will need to report to the Doctor a description of the dog and the owner's name if known.*

**If my dog is picked up by the Dog Control Officer where will it be taken to?** *The Dog Control officer will make every effort located the owner of an impounded dog. In the event that he is not able to the dog will be taken to the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society in Latham, where it will be held for of at least five days. An owner shall forfeit title to any dog unredeemed at the expiration of the appropriate redemption period, and the dog shall be made available for adoption.*

**If my dog is taken to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society how do I get it back?** *You will need to show proof that the dog has been licensed and that you have paid the Town Clerk the cost charged to the town for the sheltering of the dog.*