

DOG LICENSING

WHICH DOGS MUST BE LICENSED?

State of New Hampshire RSA 466:1 requires that every owner or keeper of a dog four months old or older shall annually cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year in the city or town in which the dog is kept. Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license shall be effective from May 1st of each year to April 30th of the subsequent year.

WHAT DO I NEED TO LICENSE MY DOG?

State law requires that before a license is issued, the owner or keeper of a dog must furnish proof to the town or city clerk that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies.

In addition, if the dog has been spayed or neutered, the owner or keeper needs to furnish the town or city with the proper documentation.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Puppy (ages 4-7 months)	\$7.50
Altered Animal	\$7.50
Unaltered Animal	\$10.00
Senior Citizen Owner (65 or older) First dog only	\$3.00
Group License (5 or more dogs same owner)	\$20.00
Late Fee per Month	\$1.00
Civil Forfeiture-Unlicensed Dog	\$25.00
Dog Release Fee	\$25.00

HOW DO I LICENSE MY DOG?

You can register your dog in person at the City Clerk's Office, 58 Opera House Square, Monday - Friday, 9:00am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm excluding holidays; or you can register by mail by sending a copy of the rabies certificate, spaying/neutered certificate (if applicable) and the appropriate fee to our office.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T LICENSE MY DOG?

Failure to license your dog is a violation of State law. In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month, per dog for each month (or part of month) after June 1st. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog(s). If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, a summons to appear in court shall be issued in accordance with State law requirements.

I NO LONGER OWN MY DOG, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Contact the City Clerk's Office at 542-7003 or email us at cityclerk@claremontnh.com. We will then update your record so that you do not receive any future notices.

I HAVE MOVED OUT OF CLAREMONT, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Contact the City Clerk's Office at 542-7003 or email us at cityclerk@claremontnh.com. We will then update your record so that you do not receive any future notices.

WHAT IS A DOG RELEASE FEE?

Dogs are required by law to be restrained at all times. Any dog found running at large shall be restrained or impounded and the owner required to pay a release fee of \$25.00.