

June is Dog Licensing Month

5 reasons to get your dog licensed



Being a dog owner requires all sorts of responsibility. One that is often overlooked is licensing your dog with Town of Marlborough. Failing to license your dog can hinder your chances of getting him back if picked up by an Animal Control Officer and get you into trouble with the law.

If losing your pet, tickets and possible fines aren't reason enough for you to properly license your dog, here are a few more reasons why you should:

1. It's the law. In Connecticut, it's mandatory that dog owners have their dogs licensed. If you're caught without a license, you will be hit with a hefty fine. Dog licenses must be renewed each year, and must be displayed on your pet at all times.

2. If your dog goes missing, having him licensed drastically improves your chances of getting him back. A license tag helps animal control and shelters quickly identify your dog and get him back to you safely. If your dog is found wandering the streets, a rescue organization can easily look up your dog via its license identifying number. Dogs that are licensed tend to be kept at the shelter longer than unlicensed dogs, which are the first to be euthanized if their owners do not quickly claim them.

3. The cost of the license is far less than the penalty for being caught without one. Town licensing costs \$8.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$19.00 for those not spayed or neutered. If a town official finds your dog without a license and rabies vaccination, you can end up paying a fee of up to \$211 dollars!

4. Licensing lets people know that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccinations. A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated against rabies. Animal control or a Good Samaritan will be much more likely to handle and care for your missing pup if they know that it is healthy. All dogs 3 months and over must be vaccinated against rabies.

5. License fees support the efforts of many local animal shelters. The annual fee that you pay to license your dog supports the work of your local animal control and helps to keep our shelters running. By paying to properly ID your dog, you are helping to feed and house stray dogs found on the streets within our town.

Where and how to get your dog licensed

Please stop at the Marlborough Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office with your pet's rabies / spay/ neuter certificates now!