

June is Dog Licensing Month!

This can be confusing. The dog licensing year in CT runs from July 1st - June 30th. It does NOT run one year from the date that you register your dog. When you register your dog during the month of June, it is effective that July 1st through June 30th of the next year. There is a late fee of \$1 per month after June 30th. If you register your dog anytime *after* June 30th, the license still expires June 30th of the next year.



There are three ways to license your dog in Ashford:

1. Pay online with a credit card, **ONLY FROM JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31**, by going to the link on the Town Clerk's page on the Town of Ashford's website: www.ashfordtownhall.org. (Dog must have been licensed in the last tag year. Rabies vaccination must be up-to-date in the Town Clerk's records. You can update this by scanning & emailing rabies certificate. \$1.75 convenience fee.)
2. Register by mail. Mail required documents and a SASE. Make check out to "Town of Ashford."
3. Register in person at the Town Clerk's office (cash or check only!).

What is required to register your dog?

- Rabies Vaccination certificate.
This can be the original certificate, a copy of the original certificate, or you may email a scan to: smutch@ashfordtownhall.org
- Proof of spaying/neutering (if applicable)
- Fee: neutered male/spayed female - \$8.00; intact male or female - \$19.00
- Registration Application from Town Clerk's page if registering dog for the first time.

WHY LICENSE YOUR DOG?



1. It's the law. Much like licensing your car. It's the law.
2. Years ago, rabid dogs might wander town streets, putting unsuspecting people at risk of contracting rabies, a deadly disease that is typically spread through the bites and bodily fluids of wild animals, eventually affecting the central nervous system and causing death. Thank goodness that there is now a vaccine to prevent this fatal disease that can be spread from canines to humans. Registering dogs means that every registered dog is vaccinated against rabies. Good for dogs, good for people!

CT Dog Licensing Facts:

- All dogs must be vaccinated against Rabies and owners submit a certificate to the Town Clerk when licensing their dog, per CGS Sec. 22-338.
- All dogs 6 months or over must be licensed & wear collar & tag at all times.
- A dog without a tag is presumed to be unlicensed and is not protected by law.
- A tag must not be used on any other dog than the dog described in the license bearing corresponding number.
- You are liable for damage done by your dog, including damage to shrubs, flowers or trees.
- Owners of roaming dogs are liable to prosecution.
- When a spayed or neutered dog is licensed for the first time, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be presented.