



# Frequently Asked Questions Dog Licensing

When does my dog need to be licensed?

Maine State Law Title 7, Chapter 721 requires that dogs be licensed upon reaching the age of 6 months or after it has been with the family for 10 days if adopted. The yearly renewal deadline is December 31st

Where does my dog need to be licensed?

Dogs need to be licensed in the town of residence.

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. There is an additional cost of \$1.00 to license your dog on-line

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

You will need to obtain a new tag from your town office or 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, please contact your local municipal office

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 Humane 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

What is needed to license my dog?

- Credit card (online)
- Current rabies certificate
- Veterinarian's name and phone number
- Proof of spay or neuter (if your dog has been "fixed")

Contact Animal Welfare Program

(207) 287-3846

Or email:

[animal.welfare@maine.gov](mailto:animal.welfare@maine.gov)

**Want to license your dog online?**

Visit the link below to find out if your town or city participates in the on-line program

[www10.informae.org/dog\\_license/](http://www10.informae.org/dog_license/)

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