

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are due yearly per MGL Chapter 140, Section 137. However, each city and town has a different license period. All dogs six (6) months or older must be licensed in MA

In the Town of Ware dogs must be licensed before March 31st. Dogs not licensed before March 31 will have a \$15.00 late fee per dog assessed in addition to the dog license fee.

Fees for dog licenses are as follows: Male/Female \$10.00. Spayed/Neutered \$8.00 per dog. Proof of rabies must be shown at each licensing period to insure the rabies certificate is current. If a dog has been spayed or neutered, proof must be shown (such as a certificate, or the bill showing the date of spaying/neutering). Information will be entered into the dog data base in order to reduce the fee for the owner.

Licenses are available for sale during the months of February and March during normal business hours at the Town Clerk's Office 126 Main St. 8 to 4 daily.

Licenses may also be purchased through the mail by following the steps listed below. This information is on the current dog license issued to you also.

1. Self addressed postage paid envelope.
2. Correct fee made payable to the Town of Ware.
3. Provide rabies certificate for the dog you are licensing. This certificate will be returned when the license is issued.
4. If the dog has been neutered or spayed since the last license was issued, provide the certificate. It will be returned to the owner with the dog license.

Failure to license your dog each year will result in the Dog Officer issuing a citation (allowed by law) for failure to license \$25.00, failure to keep rabies vaccination current \$50.00, failure to attach dog tags \$25.00, running at large 1st offense \$25.00, second and subsequent offenses \$50.00 per incident. Violation of the Town of Ware leash law, 1st offense \$25.00, 2nd and subsequent offense \$50.00 per incident. Biting \$50.00 per bite. Breaking or damaging of shrubs 1st offense \$25.00, 2nd offense \$50.00. Dogs running in a pack \$25.00 1st offense, \$50.00 2nd and subsequent offense. Dogs interfering with traffic \$25.00 1st offense, \$50.00 2nd and subsequent offense. Failure to remove dog waste from any public ways \$20.00. Barking and vicious dogs \$25.00 per dog 1st offense, 2nd and subsequent offense \$100.00 per dog.

Dogs which are pickup up by the Dog Officer, owners will incur a boarding fee of \$15.00 per day per animal. Pickup fee of \$10.00 per dog.

The Dog Officer for the Town of Ware is Tina Lindsey. She may be reached by calling 413-297-6188.

In addition - if a dog is permanently removed to another city or town in MA a transfer license must be secured in that city or town.

Please notify the Town Clerk if a dog has been euthanized or is now deceased in order for the information to be deleted from the dog database.