

Dog Licenses

New Dogs

According to Massachusetts General Laws, all dogs six months and older must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed with the town in which they are kept. If you have a newly acquired canine friend, please bring a current rabies certificate to the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours to obtain a license. The fees for dog licenses are \$9 if spayed or neutered, and \$12 if not. Dog licenses are free if the owner is over 70 years old.

Renewals

Renewals are due each year prior to April 1. At the bottom of the census forms, which are mailed each January, is a slip for licensing. Please enclose a payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. License fees may also be paid through the Town website www.mattapoisett.net. Click on the online payments tab and choose the Town Clerk's Office button. There is also a convenient payment drop box located on the front lawn of town hall. Once we have received payment and have a current rabies certificate, your license will be mailed to you.

Late Fees

According to the bylaws of the Town of Mattapoisett, a late fee of \$10 is charged starting on June 1 each year. On September 1st, the fee increases to \$20. After December 1, the late fee is \$50. Owners who fail to comply with dog licensing rules may be subject to court processes.

If you no longer have a dog, please let us know so that we may update our records. For questions regarding dog licensing, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2.