

**ARTICLE 7 OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE &  
MARKETS AS IT RELATES TO THE LI-  
CENSING, IDENTIFICATION AND CON-  
TROL OF DOGS**

§ 106. Purpose. The purpose of this article is to provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population and the protection of persons, property, domestic animals and deer from dog attack and damage.

§ 107. Application. This article shall apply to all areas of the State except any city having a population of over 2 million.

**WHAT DOGS MUST BE LICENSE**

Every dog owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days must be licensed. The following are the only license exemptions:

- Dogs less than 4 months of age not running at large.
- Dogs harbored in New York City, these dogs must be licensed by the NYC Department of Health.
- A non-resident brings a dog into New York State for less than 30 days and the dog is licensed according to the non-resident State's licensing laws.

**HOW TO LICENSE YOUR DOG**

- Apply for a dog license at your local licensing agent. This would be the Clerk's Office of the Town, City or Village of your municipality.
- For Guide, War, Hearing, Police Work, Detection dogs, Therapy and Service dogs, satisfactory proof is required such as a training certificate etc. for licenses.

- In addition to the application, the owner will need:

If the dog is spayed or neutered, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian or an affidavit from the owner showing that the dog has been spayed or neutered, unless this proof is already on file with the Clerk.

All dogs 4 months or older must have proof of a rabies vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian or a certificate stating why the life of the dog would be endangered by the vaccine.

After the application and appropriate certificates are filed and the license fee has been paid, the license will be validated for one year. Each dog is assigned an official identification number and issued a metal tag which is to be attached to the dog's collar. **No refund will be made after license has been validated.**

If you are interested in a purebred license, contact our office.

**LICENSE FEES**

The statutory license fees are:

- For spayed or neutered dogs: \$5.00 (\$1.00 of this fee is used to fund the Animal Population Control Program)
- For unspayed or unneutered dogs: \$13.00 (\$3.00 of this fee is used to fund the Animal Population Control Program)
- For Guide, War, Hearing, Police Work, Working Search, Service, Detection or Therapy dogs: No Charge
- License Renewal forms will be mailed directly to the dog owner by the Town Clerk's Office.

**DISTRIBUTION OF DOG LICENSE MONIES**

Any local fees collected are kept by the licensing municipality for dog control services and enforcement of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law. The state fee is apportioned as follows:

- \$1.00 (spayed or neutered) to be deposited in NYS Animal Population Control Fund

- \$3.00 (unspayed/unneutered to be deposited in NYS Animal Population Control Fund

**LOCAL DOG CONTROL SERVICES**

Every licensing town, city or village must have a Dog Control Officer (DCO) and municipal shelter services. The DCO and shelter service enforces both State and any local dog laws and ordinances. Further, it is the DCO's responsibility to pick up lost and stray dogs and humanely care for them until they can be reunited with their owners.

If your dog is lost or you find a lost dog, immediately contact:

- Town Clerk's Office at (845) 225-2067
- Jill Gianfransico, Dog Control Officer at (845) 200-9756 or by email at [dco@townofkentny.gov](mailto:dco@townofkentny.gov)
- Kent Police Department at (845) 225-5646
- Almost Home Kennels at (845)528-0516, 176 Pudding Street, Putnam Valley, NY or by email at [pets@almosthomekennel.com](mailto:pets@almosthomekennel.com)

If a dog is lost and identified with a Town of Kent identification tag, our office and/or DCO will trace the dog tag to the owner.

The DCO must institute action for violations of both state and local laws. Fines or civil penalties shall be up to \$15.00 for the first offense plus \$15.00 per day for impoundment, \$25.00 for the second plus \$15.00 per day for impoundment and \$35.00 for the third and subsequent offenses plus \$15.00 per day for impoundment, see §32-12d of the Town of Kent Code.

If dogs injure or kill livestock, the local DCO should be notified immediately. Do NOT destroy or bury the animal(s). They must be available for examination so the DCO can appraise the damage.

## DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

<u><b>Dog Identification</b></u>	<u><b>Rabies Certificate Required</b></u>
License No. _____	Rabies Vaccine Manufacturer: _____
Date Issued: _____	Serum Lot No: _____
Expiration Date: _____	1 Year Vaccine: <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Vaccine: <input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Breed: _____	Date Vaccinated: _____
Dog Color(s): _____	Rabies Tag No: _____
Other ID: _____ Markings: _____	Veterinarian: _____
Dog Name: _____	_____
Year of Birth: _____	_____

**Dog Owner Identification** *(person who harbors or keeps dog)*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_, Kent Lakes, NY.

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of License**

<input type="checkbox"/> Male, neutered	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Female, spayed	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Male, unneutered, under 4 months or over	\$13.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Female, unsprayed, under 4 months or over	\$13.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Dogs: Guide, War, Police, Detection, Therapy, Working Search and Hearing service	EXEMPT

**License Type:**      Original     

Renewal     

Transfer of Ownership     

Is owner less than 18 years of age?  Yes  No.

If yes, parent or guardian shall be deemed the owner of record and the information must be completed by them.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# License me!

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