



## Dear Dog Owner,

On behalf of the Town Clerks in Monroe County, thank you for doing your part to ensure that your dog is healthy, happy, and safe.

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# Love me? License me!



It's the law!

# Why license your dog?

## 1) IT'S THE LAW

New York State Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 7, requires that dogs in New York State be licensed and wear their dog license tag.

## 2) EASY IDENTIFICATION

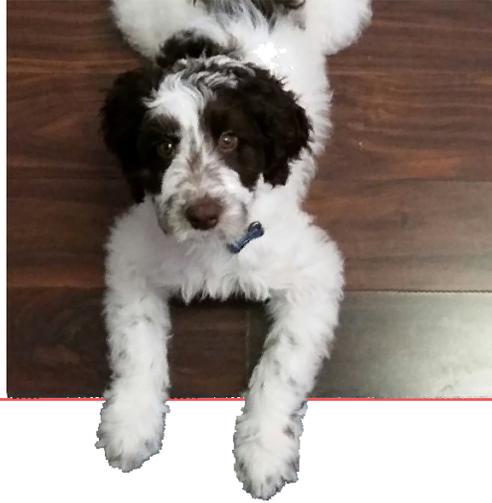
When wearing a license tag, dogs are easier to identify, enabling them to be reunited with their owner faster. A license is a lost dog's ticket home.

## 3) HEALTH/SAFETY

By requiring that a dog have valid rabies vaccination prior to licensing, a dog license helps to control and prevent the spread of rabies.

## 4) DOG PARK

All Monroe County Dog Parks require a valid dog license and rabies vaccination. For more information, call the Monroe County Department of Parks Administrative Office at 585-753-7275.



## What dogs must be licensed?

**EVERY dog owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days must be licensed.**

The ONLY license exceptions are as follows:

- Dogs under 4 months of age not running at large;
- If a non-resident brings a dog into New York State for less than 30 days and the dog is licensed according to the resident state's licensing laws; and
- Dogs confined to the premises of any public or private hospital, research institution or a Class A Dealer with a certificate of exemption from the Commissioner.



# How to license your dog:

Apply for a dog license at your local Town Clerk's Office by bringing in the proper paperwork from your dog's veterinarian and the appropriate fee\*.

## RABIES VACCINATION

All dogs 4 months or older must have proof of a rabies vaccination showing the date of vaccination and whether it is a 1 year or 3 year vaccine OR a certificate from a licensed veterinarian stating why the life of the dog would be endangered by the vaccine.

## SPAY/NEUTER (if applicable)

If the dog is spayed or neutered, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be presented at the time of licensing. Spay/neuter is not required, however it does reduce the cost of the license.

## TRAINING CERTIFICATES (if applicable)

There is no fee for licensing guide dogs, hearing dogs, service dogs, war dogs, working search dogs, detection dogs, police work dogs or therapy dogs; however a license is still required. To obtain a no fee license, satisfactory proof that the dog has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service animal is required.

## Registrations must be renewed annually to remain compliant.

After the application and appropriate certificates are filed and the license fee has been paid, the license will be valid for one year from date of issue. Each dog is assigned a permanent official identification (ID) number and issued a metal ID tag which is to be attached to the dog's collar and worn at all times.

\*DOG LICENSE FEES ARE SET BY EACH MUNICIPALITY AND ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Please contact your town for more info!

