

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL- ROOM 811**  
 BOSTON CITY HALL, BOSTON, MA 02201 (617) 635-5348

Please READ and FOLLOW these instructions in order to avoid inconvenience and considerable additional costs to you at a later date.

PLEASE READ (Especially #6 and #7)

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| <b>DO NOT IGNORE THIS FORM</b>      | 1. BY STATE LAW all owners or keepers of dog(s) must license beginning April 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year. It makes no difference if the dog never leaves your property, you still must license your dog(s) (M.G.L., Chap. 140, Sect. 137).  |
| AGE AND TIME TO LICENSE             | 2. Any person who becomes owner or keeper of a dog six months old or over during any license period shall cause it to be licensed. (M.G.L., Chap 140, Sect. 137). Penalty for failure to license dog is \$25.00.   |
| VACCINATION & SPAY NEUTERING        | 3. You must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate. If your dog is spayed/neutered, a copy of this certificate must be provided.   |
| FEES (SELECT ONE)<br>(ONLY IF LOST) | 4. Male or Female<br>Neutered Male or Spayed Female<br>Substitute License (Lost current license)   |
| LICENSES                            | 5. Licenses cannot be issued to a person(s) under 18 years of age.   |
| WARRANT TO DOG OFFICERS             | 6. On June 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year. A warrant is given to dog officers to seek out, catch and confine all unlicensed dogs (M.G.L., Chap 140, Sect. 151A).   |
| FINES                               | 7. On June 1 <sup>st</sup> , using a computerized list, the dog officers will begin a door to door survey. Delinquent owners or keepers of dogs will be fined \$25.00 plus \$15.00 every day the dog remains unlicensed (M.G.L., Chap 140, Sect. 151A). <b>YOU MUST BE LICENSED BY APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR.</b> |
| BREED OF DOG                        | 8. <b>Do not put "mix" or "mongrel"</b> for breed of dog. We need a clear description in case your dog ever gets lost (i.e. shepherd/colic/mix or Doberman/retriever/mix).   |
| STAMPS                              | 9. <b>Your license will not be mailed if a self-addressed stamped envelope is not included.</b>  |
| PAYMENT                             | 10. <b>Make check/money order payable to ANIMAL CONTROL City of Boston (NO CASH).</b>  |
| SERVICES OFFERED                    | 11. Lost/Found info, pets for adoption, health care info, humane literature library, cruelty investigation, licensing, complaint investigation.  |

**APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE**

**DO NOT WRITE IN HERE- ANIMAL CONTROL DATA ONLY**

Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date License Issued \_\_\_\_\_ NEW License NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following information PLEASE PRINT**

<b>Rabies Vaccination issued on</b> _____ (PROOF MUST BE SHOWN)	<b>Rabies Expires on</b> _____
Owner _____	Phone: Home ( ) _____
Mailing Address _____	Phone: Work ( ) _____
(#) (Street Name)	(Section Of City) (Zip Code) Apt. # _____

(Residence if different from mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Age: Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breed of Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color/Markings \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed Neutered (Circle One)

DOG OWNER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signed Under Penalties of Perjury)

Remember to include: Your check payable to Boston Animal Control, Current Rabies Vaccinations, Spay/Neuter Certificate.

**Disposition of Dog**

This is to certify that the following description of a dog, formerly owned by me has in fact:

DIED \_\_\_\_\_ NEW OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

**New Owner Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Massachusetts Dog licenses

Massachusetts law and city ordinances mandate that every dog owner must obtain a license for their pet each year. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to purchase a license and puppies upon reaching six months of age are required to be vaccinated and licensed accordingly.

A dog license may be purchased by mail for your convenience. You must complete the [dog license application](#) and mail it along with a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination certificate and check for the appropriate fee (you must provide written proof of spay/neuter certificate to receive the discounted rate). Your license will then be mailed to you.

In order to keep our records current please notify our office during the year of any change of information. Duplicate licenses may be purchased for \$2.00.

### License fees:

- Unspayed and/or unneutered dogs \$17  
Requirements: Proof of current rabies vaccination
- Spayed and/or neutered dogs \$6  
Requirements: Proof of current rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter.
- Pit Bulls & Pit Bull Mixes \$50  
Requirements: Proof of ownership of home or letter of permission from landlord stating that you are allowed to have a Pit Bull or Pit Bull Mix; photo of your dog no older than 30 days; photo of the owner no older than 30 days old; proof of rabies vaccination; proof of spay/neuter.

### Where can you license your dog?

- Mail the application and all of the required paperwork along with a check/money order to:  
  
Boston City Hall  
Animal Control - Room 811  
Boston, MA 02201
- Go to the Property Management Department located in City Hall, Room 811 with all the required paperwork, check/money order and the application (if you have cash, they will send you downstairs to the cashier's office).
- Go to our shelter in Roslindale with all the required paperwork and a check/money order (Please, NO CASH).

City of Boston Animal Shelter  
26 Mahler Rd.  
Roslindale, MA 02131  
Hours: Mon-Sat 8-4pm & Wed until 8pm

For questions call Animal Control at **617-635-5348** or **617-635-5349**