

DOG OWNERS PLEASE READ

Your Town Board encourages all pet owners to have their pets vaccinated against rabies. A Veterinarian can vaccinate your pet from rabies, or if you prefer, there are free Rabies Vaccination Clinics available through the Otsego County Department of Health (547-4230). An updated list of dates and places for these clinics can be found on the Town Clerk Sign Board located on the left wall inside the Town Hall/F.D. building..

A dog does not need to be licensed to receive a rabies vaccination however a dog cannot be licensed without their rabies vaccination...and

IT IS THE LAW

ALL DOGS MUST be licensed in the township where they are harbored

Dog owners can apply for a dog license at the Town Clerk's office located at 1809 Co. Hwy. 34, Westford, or call (607)638-5165 for further information.

Fees are:

Neutered/spayed = \$3.50 (less than a penny a day)

Not neutered or spayed = \$11.50 (less than 3 cents a day)

Please note: All dog tags previously issued by NYS Department of Agriculture are no longer legal tags. New tags can be obtained at the Town Clerk Office. Any dog without the new tag and new identification number is considered an unlicensed dog.

A dog without a license tag may end up at the SPCA and the owner will have to pay a fee to get their pet back

Licensing your dog shows that you are a responsible pet owner who cares for their pet. If your dog gets lost, a license tag on your dog collar is the fastest way to reunite you & your pet. Even if your dog is micro-chipped, a license tag is immediately visible and doesn't require a scanning device to read it like a micro-chip does.

PLEASE NOTE: The Town of Westford also has a Lease Law.

It is unlawful to allow your dog to run loose **except** on your property or on property which the owner has given permission. **Dogs running at large can be seized.** The owner will then be responsible for licensing, rabies vaccination fee (if required), boarding fees, and any other fees incurred (including medical). Violation of the lease law shall be punishable by substantial fines of:

\$25.00 first offense,

\$50.00 second offense

\$75.00 third offense.