

Hello Deerpark Resident Dog Owners,

There are many types of responsibilities when you become a dog owner. One that is often overlooked is registering/licensing your dog(s) with the town. Failing to license your dog can have some major consequences including hindering your chances of getting them back if they become lost. If that's not reason enough for you to properly register your dog, here are a few others:

- It's the Law. It's mandatory that owners have their dog(s) licensed. Fines may be issued if you get caught without a license. License tags must be displayed on the dog collar. These licenses need to be renewed yearly.
- Finding a Missing Dog. A license tag helps animal control identify your dog and get them back to you safely if your dog is found. Dogs that are licensed tend to be kept at the shelter longer than unlicensed dogs.
- License cost is Less than the fine. If animal control finds your dog without a license you will end up paying costly fees to license your dog or bring them up to date.
- Licensing proves your dog is cared for and has been vaccinated. Animal control or a good samaritan will be much more likely to handle and care for your missing pup if found when they know that it is healthy and has their current rabies vaccine.

## **Questions & Answers**

### **How much does it cost to license my dog?**

\$16 per year for an unspayed/unneutered dog

\$6 per year for a spayed/neutered dog

### **Where to get your dog licensed?**

You can visit the Town Clerk's Office at the Deerpark Town Hall 420 Route 209 Huguenot, NY 12746. They are open Monday thru Friday, 8am to 4pm. Closed for lunch Noon to 1pm. They can be reached at (845) 856-2210 ext. 2

### **What is required to get a license?**

A certificate of current rabies vaccination and/or a certificate of spay/neuter is required for a new license. The rabies vaccination must include manufacturer, serum lot #, tag ID # and date of vaccination. These documents can be found at your veterinarian or rabies clinic.

### **How long is my dog's license good for?**

Your dog license is good for one year from the date of licensing.

It's important that our residents understand how useful having your dog licensed with the town is. I will be happy to give any licensed dog a free ride home. Please feel free to contact me at (845) 321-7172.

Sincerely,  
Sally Porter  
Dog Control Officer