

Office of the Town Clerk
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2023
DOG LICENSE

Section 30400 of the Town of Scituate General By-Laws mandates the yearly licensing of all dogs. Every dog age six (6) months or older must be licensed by **July 1st** each year. Existing dog licenses expire June 30th. Licensing and re-licensing begins May 25th.

Fees are: Male/Female.....\$15.00 each dog
Neutered/Spayed.....\$10.00 each dog
Dog owners over 70 & Certified Service Dogs - No fee

Licensing is available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. However, for your convenience, you will find an application form following this notice. The application form enables you to license your dog(s) by mail. Please complete the form and enclose it in an envelope marked **DOG LICENSE.**

Please check that the envelope contains the following:

1. The application form.
2. The required documentation (copy of rabies certificate and copy of neutering/spaying certificate).
3. A check - payable to the Town of Scituate. **This check must be mailed separately from the water, tax bills and the beach/transfer station sticker program. Do not send to P.O. Box.**
4. A stamped, self-addressed **BUSINESS** size envelope for return mailing of the dog tag to you. *If a stamped, self-addressed envelope is not included, please add .50 to the amount of the check.*

NOTE: The Town Clerk's Office receives notification from all local veterinarians when a Scituate dog is vaccinated. This office maintains a list of all unlicensed dogs in the town. Each owner with an unlicensed dog will be identified as being in violation of the Animal Control By-law. Failure to license by October 1st shall result in the fee doubling. Additionally, (Section 30430) there is a fine of \$50 for an unlicensed dog.

Please refer to the General Bylaws of the Town in regard to dogs, i.e Leash Law (S30460) which states that "no dogs are permitted on the beaches between 10 AM and 6PM from June 15th- September 15th", and the Pooper Scooper law (S30480). The bylaws may be found on the Town of Scituate website, on the Town Clerk's page.

PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG.

Town of Scituate



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Dog License Application

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Owner's date of birth _____

1st Dog

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Color _____ Year of Birth _____

2nd Dog

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Color _____ Year of Birth _____

3rd Dog

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Color _____ Year of Birth _____

Please include:

- Proof of **rabies vaccination.**
- Proof of **neutering and/or spaying.**
- A self-addressed **STAMPED business** size envelope or include an additional .50 for postage in the check.
- A check made payable to the **Town of Scituate** for:
 - **Neutered or spayed**, \$10.00 per dog.
 - If the dog(s) has **NOT** been neutered or spayed, \$15.00 per dog.
 - Owner over 70 & Certified Service Dogs-No fee

ANY PREMISES HOUSING FOUR (4) OR MORE DOGS REQUIRES A KENNEL LICENSE. FOR MORE INFO ON KENNELS SEE THE GENERAL BYLAWS. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE- 781-545-8743.