

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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A LITTLE DOG LICENSE HISTORY



New York State began licensing dogs on July 15, 1916. The law was devised by the New York State Legislature to protect the livestock of farmers. During a time when suburban towns were largely farmland, dog licensing was a way to insure accountability on the part of dog owners if a dog attacked a farmer's livestock.

Dog licensing remains an important statute today. Per Article 7 of the Ag and Markets Law every Town must have a Dog Control Officer

and a municipal shelter service, as the Dog Control Officer and shelter service enforces both the State and local dog laws and ordinances. Livingston County Towns share the County's Dog Control Facility and Dog Control Officer. It is their responsibility to pick-up lost and stray dogs and humanely care for them until they can be reunited with their families. You may find the canine love of your life at the shelter; take a peek at www.livingstoncounty.us/dog.php. The Livingston County Dog Control Officer can be reached at 243-6740.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

You can apply for a dog license by mail or in person at the Town Clerk's Office at 6210 S. Livonia Rd, PO Box 188 Conesus, NY. Forms can be downloaded from the Town of Conesus website www.town.conesus.ny.us.

New York State Law requires that all dogs 2 months or older be vaccinated against rabies and must be licensed by 4 months. You must show proof of spay or neuter (if applicable) and proof of rabies vaccination signed by your veterinarian.

ID TAG

Your dog will be issued a Town of Conesus ID tag. This tag makes it possible for the Dog Control Officer to trace your dog back to you in the event he or she is ever lost. Replacements for lost tags can be ordered through the Clerk's Office.



RENEWAL

Licenses need to be renewed each year. A renewal notice is sent by the Town of Conesus. If you forget to renew, you will receive a notice from the Livingston County Dog Control Officer.

FEES

Spayed/Neutered:	\$16.00
Unspayed/Unneutered:	\$25.00
Replacement Tag:	\$ 3.00

WHY LICENSE YOUR DOG?

1. *A license could help return your dog to you if he becomes lost. The license number is entered in the NYS database.*
2. *If someone is bitten by a dog that is licensed, it eliminates the need for that person to undergo a series of painful anti-rabies inoculations. Your dog's current vaccination will be on official public record.*
3. *Licensing revenues are a major weapon against pet overpopulation. Fees obtained by our municipality are used for controlling dogs and enforcing any rule or regulation including the spaying or neutering of dogs and subsidizing the dog shelter.*
4. *It's the law.*