

2026 ANNUAL DOG LICENSING

State law requires all dogs in the Commonwealth over six months of age to be licensed annually. The 2026 calendar year licensing deadline is **March 31st**. Unlicensed dogs are subject to penalties.

LICENSE ONLINE: Dog licenses may be ordered online with payment from your checking account, debit card, or credit card. Visit us at www.concordma.gov, click on Online Payments, then choose Dog Licensing. **You must upload your dog's rabies certificate for the license to be processed**. Avoid duplicate registration! Search for your profile using the search fields. It is only necessary to type in the first few letters in each field. Then click the renew button to apply. Please note that a \$1 fee is added for license mailing and credit cards add processing fees. The license and tag will be mailed to you.

BY MAIL or DROP BOX: Complete the form below and mail with an updated rabies vaccination certificate, a self-addressed stamped envelope (using use two forever stamps for up to three dogs) and a check (payable to the Town of Concord) for the appropriate fee to: Town Clerk, 22 Monument Square, MA 01742, ATTN: Dog Licensing. There is also a drop box at the side of the building.

IN PERSON: Complete the form below and bring with an updated rabies vaccination certificate, and payment of cash or check. Be sure to bring your pup(s) for a treat!

NEUTERED OR SPAYED : State law requires a higher license fee for dogs that are not spayed or neutered (intact). In Concord, the fee is \$5.00 more for intact dogs. To obtain the discounted rate, **veterinarian's certification that dogs have been neutered or spayed is required if not noted on the rabies certificate**.

****If you are no longer living in Concord or no longer have your dog, please inform the Town Clerk's Office****

Dog License Request Form

Fee: \$20 per dog for intact dogs; \$15 per dog if spayed/neutered (documentation required)
Additional \$25.00 per family late fee after March 31. No late fee for new residents or puppies during the first year.

Owners of more than four dogs must obtain a "Kennel" license. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information.

Owner's Name: _____

Address : _____

Email: _____

£Check if private email. Email is used only for renewal notices.

Phone Number: _____

£Check if an Unlisted Number

Name of Vet: _____

DOG 1 (USE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL DOGS)

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Date of birth: _____

Gender: _____

£Check if spayed or neutered

Primary Color: _____ Secondary Color: _____

DOG 2

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Date of birth: _____

Gender: _____

£Check if spayed or neutered

Primary Color: _____ Secondary Color: _____

DOG 3

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Date of birth: _____

Gender: _____

£Check if spayed or neutered

Primary Color: _____ Secondary Color: _____

If your dog is a service animal, please call about additional info required.

Massachusetts General Laws Pertaining to the Licensing of Dogs

MGL Ch. 140, Section 137: Registration and licensing of dogs

(a) The owner or keeper of a dog over the age of 6 months shall obtain a license for the dog. The registering, numbering, describing, and licensing of a dog shall be conducted in the office of the licensing authority in the city or town in which the dog is kept.

(b) A licensing authority shall not grant a license for a dog unless the owner of the dog provides the licensing authority with a veterinarian's certification that the dog has been vaccinated in accordance with section 145B, certification that such dog is exempt from the vaccination requirement under said section 145B or a notarized letter from a veterinarian that either of these certifications was issued relative to such dog.

(c) The license shall be granted upon condition that the dog shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing livestock or fowl. The owner of a dog may add descriptive words, not over 10 in number, upon the license form to indicate the color, breed, weight, or special markings of the licensed dog. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall keep affixed around the dog's neck or body, a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which a tag shall be securely attached. The tag shall have inscribed upon it the dog's license number, the name of the city or town issuing the license and the year of issue. If the tag becomes lost, the owner or keeper of the dog shall immediately secure a substitute tag from the licensing authority at a cost to be determined by the city or town and the fee for the substitute shall, if received by a city or town clerk, be retained by the clerk unless otherwise provided by law. This section shall not apply to a person to whom a valid kennel license has been issued.

(d) This section shall not apply to a dog or cat housed in a research institution.