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2017 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd at 8:30 am

2017 Dog Licenses, which are effective January 1 through December 31, 2017, will be available *beginning at 8:30 am on Tuesday, January 3rd* at the Town Clerk's Office. License tags are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, so for those of you looking for a low-numbered tag for your favorite canine, be sure to pick up a license early in January.

A license may be obtained in person at the Town House on Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Licenses may also be obtained by mail or online. A renewal form will be included with the 2017 Census, which is mailed in early January. Online renewals are now available at the Town's Web Site – www.concordma.gov -- click "Online Payments" on the website's front page, and proceed from there. Or send us your name and address, your dog's name, breed and gender, a check for \$20 payable to the Town of Concord (\$15 if your dog is neutered or spayed—veterinarian proof is required), and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Mail to: Town Clerk, P.O. Box 535, Concord, MA 01742.

A current rabies vaccination is required. If your dog has been licensed in Concord in the past, or if you use a local veterinarian, then we most likely have the rabies certificate and spaying/neutering documentation on file, so it is not necessary to send that to us. If your dog has been recently vaccinated we may not have new information on file yet, so send us a copy of the vaccination certificate by mail, email or fax (978-318-3093). If you did not license your dog in the year 2016 and your dog was over six months of age, then you will be required to purchase a 2016 license as well as a 2017 license.

State law requires all dogs over six months of age to be licensed and tagged. Dogs that are not licensed by March 31 each year are subject to a late fee and a fine of up to \$50. The dog officer routinely picks up stray and unlicensed dogs, so please do your dog a favor by buying a license and attaching the tag to the dog's collar. The deadline for licensing in order to avoid a \$25 late fee is March 31. Contact the Concord Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions or to verify rabies status – 978-318-3080 or email us at townclerk@concordma.gov.

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