

Dog Licenses

The dog licensing period is January 1st through April 30th, annually.

Which Dogs Must Be Licensed?

State of New Hampshire RSA 466:1 requires that every owner or keeper of a dog four months old or older annually cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year in the city or town in which the dog is kept. Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license shall be effective from May 1st of each year to April 30th of the subsequent year.

What Do I Need to License My Dog?

State law requires that before a license is issued, the owner or keeper of a dog must furnish proof to the town or city clerk that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies. In addition, if the dog has been spayed or neutered, the owner or keeper needs to furnish the town or city with the proper documentation.

How Much Does It Cost?

- Puppy (ages 4-7 months) \$7.50
- Neutered or spayed dogs \$7.50
- Unaltered male or female dog \$10.00
- Senior citizen dog \$2.00 (owner who is 65 years old or older on the first dog only)
- Group (5 or more dogs) \$20.00
- Commercial Kennel \$20.00 (Breeders of 10 litters or more annually)

What Happens If I Don't License My Dog?

Failure to license your dog is a violation of State law. In addition to the annual license fee, you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month, per dog for each month (or part of month) after May 1st. Owner may also be subject to a civil forfeiture fee and any other fees assessed by the Dog officer and/or Town Clerks office. **If a forfeiture fee is not paid, a summons to appear in court shall be issued in accordance with state law requirements.**

I No Longer Own My Dog, What Should I Do?

Call the Seabrook Town Clerks office at (603)474-3152 or email smerrill@seabrooknh.org and let us know you no longer have your dog. We will then remove your dog from the system so you will not receive another notice.

Click [Here](#) to link to State of New Hampshire Regulations

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Protect our community.



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Every Poop Matters

According to recent studies, over 50% of U.S. households own a dog. We love our canine family members, but it's important to remember they're not wild animals and that means their waste can be detrimental to the surrounding environment. While wildlife manure can act as a natural fertilizer, dog waste is different — it's a concentrated, slow decomposing, nutrient-rich pollutant. When left behind, dog waste can seriously harm the health of our local waterways. Do your part to make a difference and protect our community: **Bag it. Trash it.**

WHERE PET WASTE DOESN'T BELONG

- At parks or along trails and paths
- On rocks or sand at the beach
- On sidewalks or along streets
- In storm drains or catch basins

QUICK TIPS | DOING THE RIGHT THING

- Reuse old bags (such as grocery, sandwich, newspaper, produce or bread bags) to pick up and contain pet waste.
- Keep a supply of bags near your dog's leash so you're never caught unprepared.
- If you don't have a pocket or pack, tie used bags securely to the leash until you find a trash bin.
- Always clean up after your pet and dispose of waste properly in the trash.



As part of the USEPA's 2017 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in New Hampshire, the **Town of Seabrook, NH** is required to educate residents and businesses on pollution prevention. This fact sheet is intended to fulfill permit requirements.

Why Pet Waste Is a Problem

When pet waste is left on lawns, trails, beaches, streets, or sidewalks, rain washes it into nearby wetlands, rivers, lakes, streams, and the ocean. Pet waste contains high levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, and harmful bacteria and parasites, such as *E. coli* and *Giardia*, which pose health risks to people and animals alike.

Once in the water, pet waste breaks down and releases disease-causing organisms and excess nutrients linked to algal blooms. This process reduces oxygen levels needed by fish and other aquatic life and can make water unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities — sometimes leading to beach closures and use restrictions.



Visit the [NHDES MS4 Resource webpage](#) for more information