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TOWN OF HAMDEN CONNECTICUT

Notice to Dog Owners: Make your Beagle Legal

Town Clerk Vera Morrison reminds all dog owners that June is Dog Licensing month, and time to purchase their 2015-2016 dog licenses/tags at the Town Clerk's Office, HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER, 2750 Dixwell Ave. Public Act 85-167 requires **all dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed and be vaccinated by the end of June.**

License charges are \$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dogs, and a spaying or neuter certificate must be shown. Unaltered dog license charges are \$19.00. **Licenses obtained after June 30th will be charged a late penalty of \$1 per month in addition to the above fees per state law.** A current rabies certificate must be presented to obtain a new license and tag.

A dog without a dog tag and proper rabies vaccination tag is presumed to be unlicensed, and not protected by law. The **fine** to a dog owner for **failure to license is \$75.00 (CGS 22-349)**, and **failure** of the owner to **vaccinate against rabies is \$136.00 (CGS 22-339b)**. The **fine for allowing dogs to roam is \$92.00 (CGS22-364a)**, and owners are liable for prosecution for any damage done by your dog, including damage to shrubs, flowers and trees.

Licenses may be obtained from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday - Friday. A license may be obtained by mail if the following information is provided: Owner's name, address and phone number; dog's name, age, sex, color and breed; proof of current rabies vaccination plus proof of spaying/neutering along with the check. Or go on the www.hamden.com under "Government"/Town Departments/Town Clerk/Forms & Applications to access the mail-in form.

All checks should be made payable to the "Hamden Town Clerk", and mailed to the Town Clerk's office, c/o Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518 along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and all original papers will be returned with your dog license and tag.

The annual **Dog Rabies Clinic** will be held **Saturday, June 13, 2015** from 1-3 p.m. at the M.L.Keefe Center, 11 Pine Street. Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be **\$20.00 CASH ONLY/per animal***, and one free vaccination will be given with a state assistance I.D.card. Hamden Dog licenses may also be purchased there.

Call the Hamden Town Clerk's office with any questions at (203)287-7028.

Vera Morrison, Hamden Town Clerk