

**§ 67-14. Licensing. [Amended 11-14-1994 by Ord. No. 94-14; 4-8-1996 by Ord. No. 96-4; 9-4-2007 by Ord. No. 2007-6]**

- A. All dogs or cats housed, kept, harbored, or maintained within the Town shall be licensed by the Town Clerk's office upon the dog or cat attaining the age of six months. The application shall state the breed, sex, color, and markings of the dog or cat for which the license and registration are sought and whether it is of a long- or short-haired variety; also, the name, street, and post office address of the owner and the person who shall keep or harbor such dog or cat. License forms and official tags shall be numbered serially and shall bear the year of issuance.
- B. An owner of a new dog or cat shall have 30 days in which to obtain a license.
- C. Licenses shall be issued annually during the month of April by the Town Clerk.
- D. Proof of rabies vaccination shall be provided at the time of licensing.
- E. All dogs and cats shall be required to wear their Town license tags on breakaway or elastic collars or other clearly identifiable devices such as an ear stud with the license number marked thereon at all times. If a license tag has been lost or misplaced, a duplicate can be obtained at a fee of \$1. License tags are not transferable.
- F. New residents shall have 30 days in which to license their dogs and cats from the first day of residency.
- G. Subject to the provisions of § 67-9F, the Town Clerk shall not grant any such license and official registration tag for any dog or cat unless the owner provides evidence that the dog or cat has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and administered in accordance with the State Department of Health. The Town Clerk shall not issue any such license and official registration tag for any cat unless the owner provides evidence that the cat has been spayed or neutered or that a breeding permit has been issued.
- H. Proof of licensing shall be produced by any person owning, keeping, maintaining, or harboring a dog or cat, upon the request of the Animal Control Officer or a police officer.

- I. The licensing and breeding of cats is further subject to the provisions of Chapter 24, Title 4, of the Rhode Island General Laws.