

Dog Licensing Information for Kingwood Township



Any dog of licensing age (seven months or older), residing in the Township for 10 days or more, must be licensed no matter when acquired during the year. Each dog license expires on January 31 of the current year in Kingwood Township as indicated in ordinance "Chapter 57. ANIMALS".

License Renewal Process

- Renewal letters mailed mid-December for previously licensed dogs
- Will dog's rabies vaccination expire during the year? Attend a local free Rabies Clinic or call your veterinarian for a booster vaccination (For further details on Rabies Vaccinations and Clinics, keep reading)
- License renewal period: **January 1 through January 31**
Grace period through February 10
- Late Fee: \$15.00 per dog **AFTER** February 10
- Summons for non-registration issued 60 days after February 10

What the township needs from you:

- Return renewal letter with any changes
- Check, money order or cash payable to Kingwood Township
- COPY of current rabies vaccination certificate
- Self-addressed stamped envelope for license and collar tag return

Dog licensing occurs every year at the same time. This has not changed for well over 30 years. **Renewal reminder letters are mailed in mid-December** and indicate whether your dog is due for a rabies vaccination. Occasionally, a resident will not receive a letter but it is **your personal responsibility** to take care of getting the license renewed. Mark you calendar either paper or electronic with a reminder.

Fees for the dog license renewal are:

\$12.00 for dogs that are neutered or spayed

\$15.00 for dogs that are not neutered

Late fee charge is \$15.00 per dog after February 10

NEW dogs to household: For new dogs,(not in database) the fee remains \$12.00/\$15.00 throughout the year. No late fee is charged

Bounced Checks \$20.00 additional fee.

Rabies Vaccination and License Renewal

Your dogs' rabies vaccination must be up to date before your license can be issued. This is where it gets a bit tricky. **If the vaccination EXPIRES in the month of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September through October 31, your pet must get a rabies booster before the license can be renewed - before February 10 to avoid late fee.**

GET YOUR DOG VACCINATED DURING: *November, December through January 31.*

State law administered by the NJ State Department of Health requires the vaccination be given during this time period. Now many of us take our dogs to the veterinarian at different times of the year for other vaccinations and medications. Let's say your dog is due to see the veterinarian May 15 and that is when the rabies vaccination expires, you will have to plan ahead to get the vaccination updated during the three months (November, December and January_.

Annual Rabies Clinic

Each year, the Township holds a free rabies clinic in January which is a group vaccination session for dogs and cats administered by a local, licensed veterinarian. This is a good way to get your pet's vaccination updated and to get into Kingwood's license renewal cycle ending January 31. And, unless your dog is a puppy, it will be vaccinated for three years. **You may attend ANY clinic offered in ANY town.** Frenchtown, Alexandria, Delaware etc all hold clinics throughout January on different Saturdays. If you attend a clinic outside Kingwood Township, just provide the Kingwood Dog Licensing Agent with a COPY of the vaccination certificate along with your renewal letter and your payment. Done! Licensed, processed and in the mail to you.

Late Fee Period

The \$15.00 late fee per dog runs for 60 days from February 10. If you have NOT obtained your dog license, written notification should be sent to you at some point during this time period to inform you that you are late with your renewal. After the late fee period, a summons for your appearance before Kingwood Municipal Court may be issued, where before the court judge, license fees, late fees and court costs will be paid. **PLEASE AVOID THIS TROUBLE. RENEW YOUR DOG'S LICENSE ON TIME!**

Animal Control

Animal Control Solutions

**Flemington, NJ
908 310-1452**



Dogs running at large is a continuing issue in the Township. Not only is this potentially dangerous to your dog – accidents with cars; getting involved with rabid animals – it can cause other problems for you – summons; boarding fees; problems with neighbors. If your dog is picked up by animal control, effort will be made to contact you BUT they cannot find you if the dog is not wearing a collar or if the tags are not current. Attach tags to collar and put the collar on your dog when outside on your property.

For further information on dog licensing call the Township Dog Licensing Agent at 908 996-8892 X228 or www.kingwoodtownship.com.