



## **Dog Licensing Information**

From the Brattleboro Town Clerk's Office

230 Main Street

Suite 108

Brattleboro VT 05301

The information provided is an overview for your convenience, for more information see Vermont's Statutes & Brattleboro Ordinances

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## License Requirements:

### Quick Facts:

Vermont requires that dog and wolf hybrids 6 months and older be licensed to an owner each year before or on April 1st. A license requires proof of rabies vaccination (VT. Statutes Title 20, Ch. 193).

In Brattleboro, the Town Clerk's office issues dog licenses as follows:

- Each dog license carries a unique license number assigned to each dog, and a corresponding tag imprinted with their unique license number.
- This dog tag is required to be worn on the dog's collar or harness of choice at any time when the dog will be off their owner's property (**Brattleboro Ordinances Ch. 3 sec. 3-28**).
- Each dog tag carries a unique number, meaning one dog can only be issued one tag at a time.

### FAQS

Q: If I lose my dog tag, can I replace it?

A: Yes. Owners can obtain a replacement tag from the Town Clerk's office for a \$2.00 fee.

Q: Can my vet directly send proof of Rabies vaccination?

A: Yes. Veterinarians and clinics can fax or email proof of rabies vaccination to the Town Clerk's office directly via email: [townclerk@brattleboro.gov](mailto:townclerk@brattleboro.gov) or fax: 802-257-2312

Q: Must my dog be neutered or spayed?

A: No. Unneutered or "intact" dogs can be licensed for a higher fee than neutered and spayed dogs.

Q: Does the Town Clerk's office keep a record of my dog's license and rabies vaccines?

A: Yes, the annual license and rabies certificate are kept for 3 years.

## LICENSING FEES

ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1st:

NEUTERED ..... \$21.00

UNNEUTERED ..... \$25.00

*Effective January 1, 2025, the State increased dog licensing fees by \$2 per dog. That money will go directly to the State to fund an animal welfare program.*

### **Penalties Applied after April 1st:**

Dog and wolf-hybrids licensed after April 1<sup>st</sup> have an increased licensing fee:

Neutered: \$21.00

Unneutered: \$27.00

In addition, a person who fails to obtain a license for their dog or wolf-hybrid by June 1st could be fined up to \$100.00.

Assistance Dogs:

Dogs trained or enrolled in service dog training programs may be eligible to obtain a license at a reduced rate.

Please update the Town Clerk's office if a licensed dog has died or changed ownership.

[townclerk@brattlboro.gov](mailto:townclerk@brattlboro.gov)

(802) 251-8157

Open Monday – Friday 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

## **Ordinance References:**

### **Impoundment of Unlicensed Dogs:**

**(Ch. 3, Div. 2, Sec. 3-27).**

All unlicensed dogs within the limits of town in violation of this article may be impounded at the expense of the owner.

### **Animals causing property damage:**

**(Ch. 3 Article I. Sec. 3-1).**

### **Uncontrolled Dog:**

**(Ch. 3, Article II, Sec. 3-15).**

A dog which is running uncontrolled or unrestrained on any public place is prohibited. A restraint must be a leash not more than 8 feet long, or the dog must be at heel and obedient to the person in control. Dogs on private property by permission of the property owner or their agent do not require leashing.

**Uncontrolled, frequent barking or howling:**  
(Ch. 3, Article II, Section 3-19).

**Vicious or threatening dogs:**  
(Ch. 3, Article II, Sec. 3-20).

**Removal of Dog Feces:**  
(Ch. 3, Article II, Sec. 3-22).

The owner or person with custody of a dog must not allow said dog on any public streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks, cemeteries, or any other public grounds within the Town of Brattleboro unless said person has a mechanical or other device for the removal of excrement.

The owner or person with custody of a dog must not allow said dog on any private property other than that of the owner unless said person has a mechanical or other device for the removal of excrement.

Said person in control must remove any excrement in a timely manner. Mechanical or other devices for feces removal include, a pooper scooper, a trowel, a shovel, a plastic bag, or other container.

Persons found in violation will be fined \$50.00 for a first offense. A second offense is \$100.00.

**Financial Resources for Rabies Vaccines:**

The Windham County Humane Society holds wellness clinics and schedules vaccine appointments.  
<https://www.windhamcountyhumane.org>

Call the Animal Control officer or Town Clerk for information about periodic rabies clinics.

**Financial Resources for Spay and Neutering:**

**Windham County Humane Society:**  
Call (802) 254-2232

**Vermont Spay and Neuter Incentive Program:**

Visit the website:

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/vsnip>

If you lack internet service mail questions or requests to: VSNIP, PO Box 104 Bridgewater, VT 05304

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| Brattleboro Animal Control Officer | •(802) 490-9530                               |
| Windham County Humane Society      | •(802) 254-2232                               |
| Brattleboro Police Dispatch        | •(802) 257-7950                               |
| Rabies Information                 | •1-800-4-RABIES (722437)                      |
| Brattleboro Town Clerk             | •(802) 251-8157<br>•townclerk@Brattleboro.gov |