

## STATE OF MAINE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOG LICENSING

The State of Maine requires dogs to be licensed at 6 months of age or within 10 days of ownership.

You must show evidence of current rabies vaccination at the time of registration (yearly) and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable.

Fees are \$6 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11 for unsprayed/unneutered dogs.

Renewal period for dog licensing begins in Mid-October of each year, when the new tags are received from Animal Welfare, and must be completed no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. A late fee of \$25 (in addition to the license fee) will be applied after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Owners of unlicensed dogs will be served a summons to appear at the 13<sup>th</sup> District Court in Dover-Foxcroft for collection of fees. Owners will be responsible for all court fees and fines. This is a Maine State Animal Welfare Law.

### **Fees for dog licenses are as follows:**

Neuter/Spay:	\$ 6.00 each dog
Non-Neuter/Spay:	\$11.00 each dog
*Kennel License:	\$42.00 (up to 10-dogs per each kennel).
Late Fee:	\$25.00 each dog (effective Feb. 1st.)
Kennel late fee:	\$25.00 each kennel (effective Feb. 1st.)
* = subject to yearly kennel inspection (per state law)	

Please remember that it is against the law in the State of Maine to transport a dog in an open vehicle on a public way unless the dog is protected in a manner that prevents the dog from falling or jumping or being thrown from the vehicle. However, exceptions apply to dogs engaged in certain types of agricultural activities or dogs covered under special hunting permits.

This year was the first year that we sent out reminder notices for dog registrations. We received some good feedback from people that were happy to get a reminder and would like to continue this additional service in the future. Please take a moment to update your addresses on your dog registrations so we can send you a reminder.

**If you believe an animal is suffering from extreme temperatures, lack of food and/or water, or may be lost and needs help, PLEASE report it to 876-2814 or email Dorene Foss at [dtcsangerville@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dtcsangerville@myfairpoint.net). All reports are kept strictly confidential.**