DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses are due yearly per MGL Chapter 140 Section 137. However, each city and town in MA has a different license period.

All dogs six (6) months or older must be licensed *before March 31st*.
Dogs not licensed before March 31st will have a $15.00 late fee per dog assessed in addition to the license fee.

Fees for dog licenses are as follows:
Males/Females $10.00   Neutered Males/Spayed Females $8.00

Proof of rabies must be shown at the time each licensing period to insure that the rabies certificate is current. If a dog has been neutered or spayed, proof must be shown (such as the certificate, or the bill showing the date of spaying/neutering). Information will be entered into the dog data base in order to reduce the fee for the owner.

Licenses* are available for sale during the months of February and March during normal business hours at the Town Clerks Office 126 Main Street. Licenses may also be purchased through the mail by following the steps listed below.

1. Self-addressed, postage paid envelope to return the license.
2. Correct fee - check made payable to the Town of Ware.
3. Provide the rabies certificate(s) for the dog you are licensing. This certificate will be returned to you when the license is issued.
4. If the dog has been neutered or spayed since the last license was issued, provide the certificate. It will be returned to you also when the license and tag are issue

*All owners of dogs newly acquired, or new residents of the town must license their dogs in Ware within thirty (30) days.

The town has an Animal Control Officer who is dispatched by the Ware Police Department. Call the Police Department at 413-967-3571.

In addition - if a dog is permanently removed to another city or town in MA a transfer license must be secured in the new community.

Please also notify the Town Clerk if a dog has been euthanized or is now deceased in order for the information to be deleted from the database.