

Highlights of Dog Licensing Law enacted 12/6/10

The purpose is to provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population and the protection of persons, property, domestic animals and deer from dog attack and damage.

All dogs within the Town of Pompey **four (4) months of age or older**, unless otherwise exempted **shall be licensed**. Each license application shall be accompanied by proof that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies or a statement from a licensed veterinarian that such vaccination would endanger the dog's life in which case vaccination shall not be required. Each license issued shall be valid for a period of one year and shall not be transferable.

Licensing fees: Spayed/Neutered: \$7.00; Unspayed/Unneutered: \$14.00

When a dog is originally licensed, the Town of Pompey will assign an identification number and issue an identification tag which shall be worn by the dog at all times

Key terms:

"At Large" shall mean to have an unleashed dog not under control of the Owner and off the premises of the Owner.

"Harbor" means to provide food or shelter to any dog.

"Owner" shall include any person who keeps or harbors any dog or who is in lawful custody of any dog.

It **shall be unlawful** for any Owner of any dog to permit or allow such dog in the Town of Pompey to:

- a. be **"At Large"**
- b. chase or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as reasonably to cause intimidation or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury;
- c. habitually chase, run along side of or bark at motor vehicles or bicycles.
- d. be unlicensed or otherwise noncompliant with § 64-5 of this article, regardless of whether said dog is on or off the owner's premises.

When there is a change of address for the owner of record, the owner shall notify the Town of Pompey Clerk within ten (10) days of such change. If any dog which has been license in the Town of Pompey is lost, stolen or deceased, the owner of record shall notify the Town of Pompey Clerk within ten (10) days of the discovery of such loss, theft or death.

Any dog found in violation of this law may be seized pursuant to the provisions of Section 117 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

The owner of any dog impounded by Town of Pompey shall be entitled to redeem that dog within five (5) business days, excluding the day the dog is impounded, from the day the dog is impounded, provided that the owner produces proof the dog is licensed and pays the following impoundment fee to the Town Clerk: a fee of \$175.00 for the first impoundment; a fee of \$185.00 for the second impoundment and a fee of \$3.00 for each additional twenty-four hour period; a fee of \$195.00 for a third and each subsequent impoundment and a fee of \$3.00 for each additional twenty four hour period. The impoundment fees set forth herein may be amended from time to time by the Town Board by resolution.

If the Owner of any unredeemed dog is known, such Owner shall be required to pay the impoundment fees and any medical and/or euthanization costs incurred, whether or not such Owner chooses to redeem his dog.

This law shall be enforced by any dog control officer, peace officer, when acting pursuant to special duties, or police officer in the employ of or under contract to the Town of Pompey. Any person who observes a dog in violation of this law may file a complaint under oath with the Town of Pompey Dog Control Officer or a Justice of the Town of Pompey specifying the nature of the violation, the date thereof, a description of the dog and the name and residence, if known, of the Owner of the dog. Any person convicted of a violation of this law shall be deemed to have committed a violation and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250.00 for each day of such violation or subject to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 days.