

WHAT DOGS MUST BE LICENSED?

Local Law #1 of 2010 pursuant to Article 7 of the Ag & Markets Law of the State of New York requires every dog owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days to be licensed in the Town in which they are harbored (reside).

The following are the only exemptions:

- Dogs under 4 months of age and not running at large
- If a non-resident brings a dog into New York State for less than 30 days and the dog is licensed according to the resident state's licensing laws
- Dogs confined to the premises of a pound or shelter maintained by or under contract with the state, county, city, town or village, duly incorporated humane society or duly incorporated dog protective association.

HOW TO LICENSE YOUR DOG

- Apply for a dog license at your local Town Clerk. Bring the following:
- For guide dogs, war dogs, hearing dogs, police work dogs, detection dogs, therapy dogs and service dogs, satisfactory proof is required, such as a training certificate, etc. for licenses.
- Spay or Neuter Certificate – If the dog is spayed or neutered, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be provided.

- Rabies Certificate – All dogs 3 months or older must have proof of a current rabies vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian or a certificate stating why the life of the dog would be endangered by the vaccine

License Fees:

- Spayed/Neutered - \$10.00 (\$9.00 local plus \$1.00 state)
- Unspayed/Unneutered - \$20.00 (\$17.00 local plus \$3.00 state)
- Purebred – up to 10 dogs \$35.00 plus \$3.00 for each unspayed or unneutered – 11 to 20 dogs \$70.00 plus \$3.00 for each unspayed or unneutered.

LEASH LAW:

Prohibited Acts – it shall be unlawful for

- Any owner to allow any dog to run at large
- Any owner to fail to restrain any dog by an adequate collar/leash unless it is accompanied by its owner or responsible person able to control it when not on owner's property.
- Any owner to allow any dog to engage in habitual loud howling, barking, crying, whining so as to unreasonably and habitually annoy and/or disturb any person other than the owner of such dog.
- Any owner to allow any dog to cause damage or destruction to property, defecate, urinate, dig or otherwise

commit a nuisance off the property of the owner of such dog. Allow any dog to chase, jump on or at, or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as to reasonably cause intimidation or fear. Allow any dog to chase, bark or harass any motor vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, carriage, vehicle or device used by persons for travel or any riders thereof while vehicle is on a public highway or private property not belonging to dog's owner.

- Any owner to fail to license any dog 4 months or older, or allow any dog to be unlicensed due to failure to renew a dog license annually.
- Any owner to fail to have any dog identified by a valid and current dog license identification tag.

LOCAL DOG CONTROL SERVICES:

- The Town of Hector contracts with the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department for animal control – contact 607-535-8222

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:

- A plea or conviction of a violation shall be prosecuted pursuant to penal law, by a fine of not less than \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense. Two or more violations in a five year period shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days or both.