

# APPLICATION for SHUTESBURY DOG LICENSE or Re-license

## TOWN OF SHUTESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DOG LICENSE

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Section 137, 137A and Town of Shutesbury bylaws, this license is hereby issued to the person(s) named below to keep the dog herein described, or to maintain a dog kennel, if so indicated on this form. This license is granted subject to adherence to all dog laws, including the control and restraint from killing, chasing or harassing livestock or fowls.

THIS LICENSE EXPIRES JUNE 30, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Licensing Clerk) (Date)

(Please Print)

Owner/Contact:		e-mail:	
Street Address:		Mailing Address:	
Veterinarian:			
Best Phone to Reach:		Next Best Phone:	
#1 - Dog's Name: _____		Tag #: _____	
Please check one--> <input type="checkbox"/> New License or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		Rabies Exp: _____	
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Male (\$10*) or <input type="checkbox"/> Male Neutered (\$5*)		Fee: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female (\$10*) or <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spayed (\$5*)		(Avoid \$5 Late Fee before August 1!)	
Dog's Age to Nearest Year:		Breed(s):	
Coloring:		Collar Color:	
Distinguishing Marks/Behaviors:			Microchip – Y or N
#2 - Dog's Name: _____		Tag #: _____	
Please check one--> <input type="checkbox"/> New License or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		Rabies Exp: _____	
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Male (\$10*) or <input type="checkbox"/> Male Neutered (\$5*)		Fee: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female (\$10*) or <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spayed (\$5*)		(Additional Late Fee after August 1 <sup>st</sup> ): \$5)	
Dog's Age to Nearest Year:		Breed(s):	
Coloring:		Collar Color:	
Distinguishing Marks/Behaviors:			Microchip – Y or N

(For more dogs, use an additional page and include all of the above information.)

To: **All Shutesbury Dog Owners**  
From: Shutesbury Town Clerk  
Subject: **Dog Licenses**

The dog license cycle is JULY 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. **Re-licensing prior to AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> each year avoids the \$5 fine imposed on late renewals.** Licensing your dog is required by state law and town bylaw.

Dog licensing can be done in person at the Town Clerk's office or by mail. Forms are available on line on the Town Clerk's web page and outside the Town Clerk's office. Your completed form, rabies certificate and fee can be dropped off and tags can be picked up at the Town Clerk's door to avoid postage costs.

To obtain a Dog License Application by mail, please enclose:

- the completed form on the other side of this letter
- a copy of current rabies vaccination
- a check payable (**black ink required**) to "Town of Shutesbury" for the appropriate amount
- a self-addressed envelope with two first-class stamps (due to bulkiness)

• Mail to: Town Clerk  
PO Box 264  
Shutesbury, MA 01072

If you no longer own a dog, please call the Town Clerk at (413) 259-1204. I will return your call if you leave your name and a phone number.

**SYMPTOMS OF RABIES:** Rabies may affect your dog or cat, raccoons, foxes, skunks or various other mammals. Rabies is a viral disease of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) that is almost always fatal. The rabies virus lives in the saliva and other body fluids of infected animals and is spread when they bite or scratch. The virus can also be spread if one of these body fluids touches broken skin or a mucous membrane (in the mouth, nose or eyes).

Some possible signs of rabies are unexplained aggression, impaired locomotion, varying degrees of paralysis, extreme depression, or viciousness. The signs vary in animals; some will display attack-like behaviors while others appear sick or dazed. Other possible signs are peculiarly "bright" eyes due to dilated pupils; restlessness; an abnormal show of affection; difficulty in swallowing; a wheezing sound as if something is caught in the throat; high-pitched, hound-like howling; snapping the jaws at imaginary objects or in response to loud sounds; and running about, or over long distances, aimlessly. Depending upon the type and stage of rabies, some combination, and even none of these signs may be present. Wild animals showing no fear of man should be reported.

NOTE: License tag contains a phone number (413-259-1279) for assistance in locating a dog's owner or missing dog.

Shutesbury has a leash law and enforces it. Your dog must be on a leash or under reliable voice command when it leaves your property.

EXCERPT OF TOWN BYLAW: Owners must -- License dogs at six months of age; within 30 days of arrival in Town; re-license within 30 days of July 1<sup>st</sup>, maintain a collar or harness on the dog; maintain the issued license tag and rabies tag on the collar; maintain current rabies vaccination; maintain control of the dog beyond the confines of their property by leash or voice command. Dogs off property without owner control are subject to capture, impound, fees and fines.