

TOWN OF NEW LISBON

DOG CONTROL AND LICENSING INFORMATION

Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture & Markets Law and Town of New Lisbon Local Law #1 of 2010 relate to the licensing and control of dogs. The entire Town of New Lisbon dog law may be viewed on the Town's website at www.townofnewlisbon.com. Also, the dog license application form may be printed off of the website (under documents).

LICENSING INFORMATION

All dogs four months and over need to be licensed. A current rabies certificate and a spaying or neutering certificate are needed to obtain a license. If your rabies certificate expires in less than a month, you will have to get a new rabies shot before you get a license. Licenses are issued by the New Lisbon Town Clerk, Charlene Wells. (607-965-8508) The Town Clerk's office is located at 829 Co. Hwy. 16, Garrattsville.

LICENSE FEES

Dog license fees for the Town of New Lisbon are \$8.00 for a dog which has been spayed or neutered and \$15.00 for a dog which has not been spayed or neutered. An additional one time fee of \$5.00 will be assessed to each dog license for any dog that did not have a license at the time of doing a dog enumeration. During a dog enumeration, owners of unlicensed dogs will have 30 days from the time they are counted to obtain their license before tickets for unlicensed dogs are issued.

OTHER LICENSING ISSUES

In order to keep license information up to date, any change of ownership, change of owner address, loss or theft of a dog, or death of a dog must be reported to the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

LOCAL DOG CONTROL SERVICES

The Dog Control Officer for the Town of New Lisbon is Keegan Holt. (607-287-9639) If he does not answer, leave him a message and he will return your call as soon as he is able.

The Dog Shelter for the Town of New Lisbon is the Susquehanna SPCA (607-547-8111). If your dog is lost or if you find a lost dog, immediately contact the Dog Control Officer and/or the Shelter. All strays must be

handled by the Dog Control Officer to be covered by the Town.

The Dog Control Officer is only a part-time position. He will make arrangements as soon as possible to pick up the stray dog and take it to the shelter. If you are able, the stray dog should be tied up or confined so it will be there when the Dog Control Officer comes to get it. The New Lisbon Town Board has told the Dog Control Officer that he does not have to chase after loose dogs and make repeated trips only to find that the dog is gone. If you find a dog with a New Lisbon license tag number on it, call the Town Clerk and she can find the owner from the number. If we can find out who the owner is, we can try ourselves to get the dog back where it belongs.

If you are having an ongoing situation with someone's dog, we ask that you contact them first and attempt to handle the problem. If that doesn't work, then contact the Dog Control Officer to see if a call from him will help. If he has to come out, he can only issue tickets for violating the law if he sees it happen. The person who witnesses the violation must be willing to sign a written complaint for the Dog Control Officer to issue a ticket.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOG LAW

1. All dogs over four months must be licensed.
2. Dogs may not run at large unless on a leash or under the immediate control of the owner.
3. If you are harboring the dog, you are considered the owner.
4. It is unlawful to allow your dog to:
 - A. Engage in habitual howling or barking.
 - B. Damage other people's property.
 - C. Bite, chase or harass any person.
 - D. Chase cars or bicycles.
 - E. Kill or injure any dog, cat or other household pet.

DOG PENALTIES

Anyone convicted of a violation of the dog laws shall be liable for a penalty not to exceed \$25.00 for the first violation, from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for a second violation and from \$100.00 to \$150.00 for subsequent violations.