

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO ASK ABOUT DOG LICENSING AND ANIMAL CONTROL IN DELAWARE.

Q: Do I need to license my dog in Delaware?

A. Delaware law requires that dogs must be licensed. The agency for all dog licensing and animal control issues is the State of Delaware Office of Animal Welfare. Here is the dog licensing information link:

<https://animalservices.delaware.gov/services/dog-licensing/individuals>

Q: What is required to license my dog?

A: State law requires that all dogs aged 6 months or older must be licensed.

Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the time when license is issued.

Licenses are valid for 1, 2, or 3 years depending on the time remaining on your dog's rabies vaccination.

Payment for your license is due within 30 days of the license expiration date, or within 30 days of acquiring a dog over six months of age.

A late fee of \$12 will apply after 30 days.

Fee waived for seeing eye, guide or lead dogs, or dogs who have former US military service.

Q: Wait a minute. Isn't animal control handled by the County?

A: Not any more. Recent legislation was enacted that transfers responsibility to the State.

Q: Well, what if I have an animal control complaint?

A: You can fill out an online complaint form here:

<https://animalservices.delaware.gov/services/animal-control-and-cruelty/report-complaint>

Q: What if it's an emergency?

A: Call (302) 255-4646 immediately 24 hours a day.