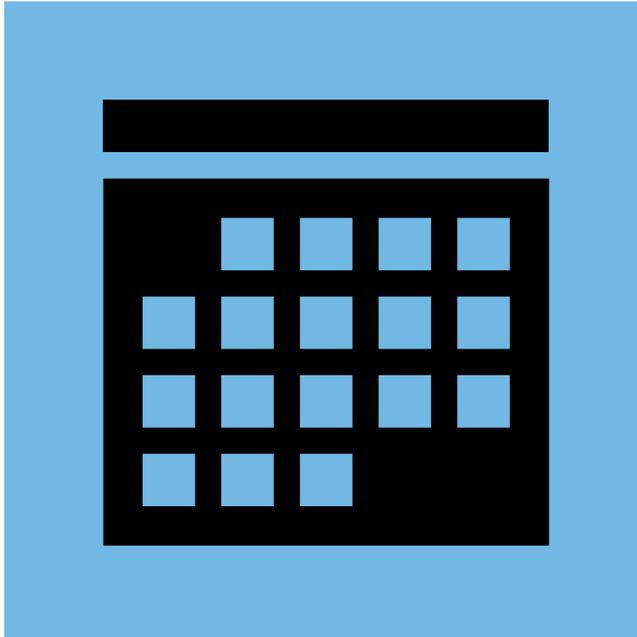


# MAINE DOG LICENSING

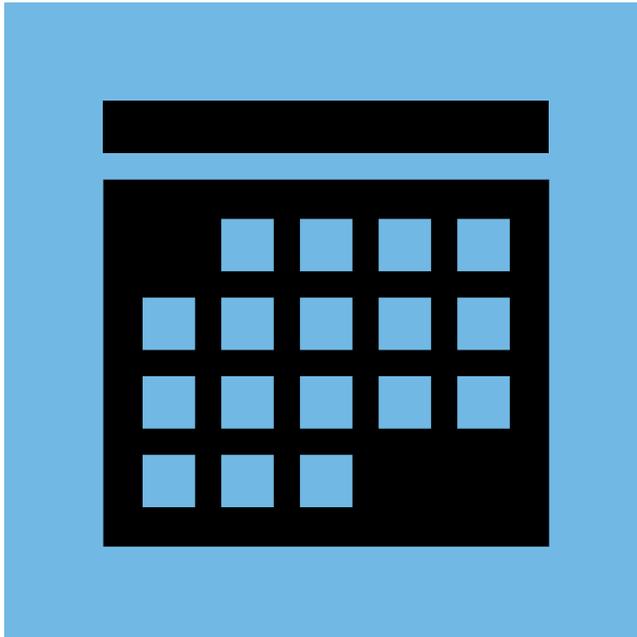
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# IMPORTANT DATES

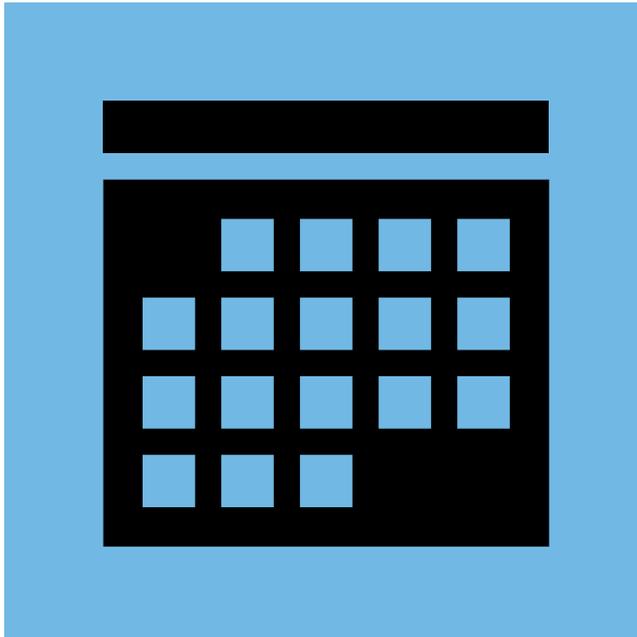
# OCT 1: SUPPLIES



- Tags
- Municipal Update Form (fillable form online)
- Supply Order Forms (fillable form online)
- Dog Tag Reconciliation Forms
- Copy of Chapters 721 and 725

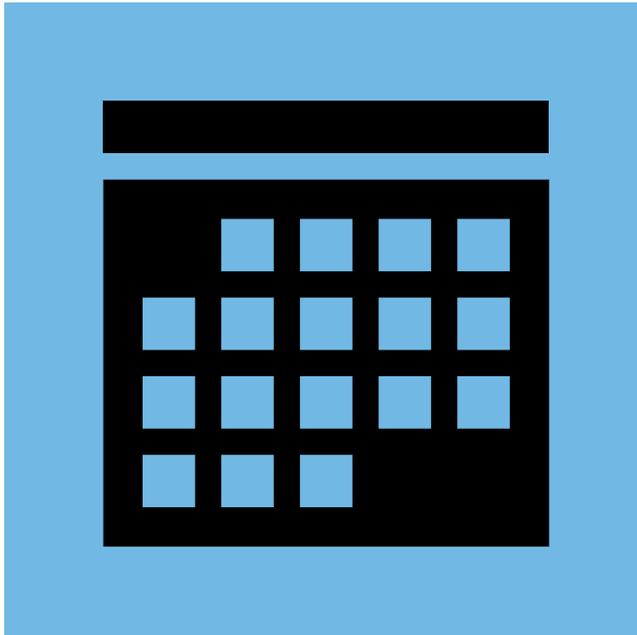
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# OCT 15: LICENSING STARTS



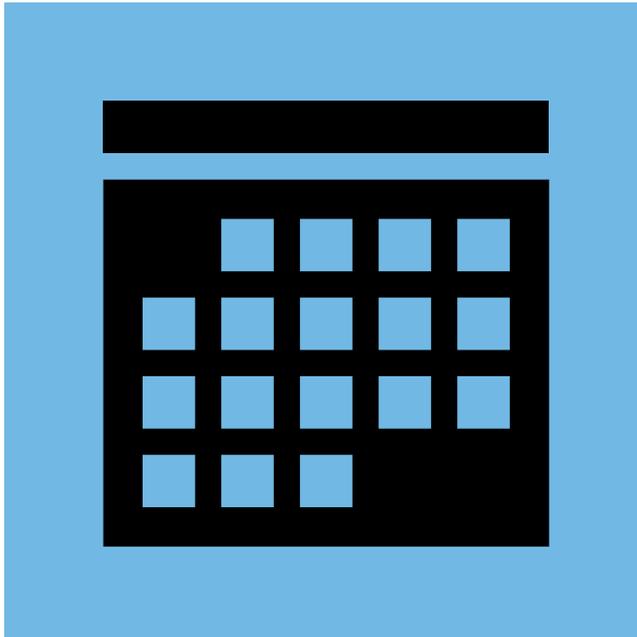
- Begin Licensing to public
- Submit Municipal Update Form

# DEC 13: PUBLIC POSTING



- **Post copies of MSRA Title 7 Chapter 721 and Chapter 725**
  - **7 § 3941. Posting of law**  
**Municipal clerks, annually, at least 20 days before January 1st, shall post copies of chapter 721 and this chapter in the municipal offices.**

# FEB 1: LATE FEES REQUIRED



An owner or keeper required to license a dog under section 3922, subsection 1 or section 3923-C, subsection 1 and applying for a license for that dog after January 31st **shall pay** to the municipal clerk, dog licensing agent, or dog recorder a late fee of \$25 in addition to the annual license fee paid in accordance with subsection 1 or 2 and section 3923-C, subsection 1. The clerk, dog licensing agent, or dog recorder shall deposit all late fees collected under this subsection into the municipality's animal welfare account established in accordance with section 3945.

# MONTHLY: DOG LICENSE REPORTS



## MONTHLY DOG LICENSE REPORT



FOR THE MONTH OF: 1, 2 (Year)

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
 Animal Welfare Program  
 28 State House Station  
 Augusta, ME 04333-0028  
 Toll Free 1-877-269-9200 or (207) 287-3846

Municipality: 3  
 Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (207): \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **Treasurer, State of Maine**

TAGS ISSUED		DOG LICENSES SOLD		FEES <u>6</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No Sales This Month	
		TAGS			
New:	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>
Replacement:	<u>26</u>	Male/Female:	<u>7</u> + <u>8</u> = <u>9</u>	x \$10.00 = \$	<u>10</u>
Other:	<u>27</u>	Neuter/Spay:	<u>11</u> + <u>12</u> = <u>13</u>	x \$3.00 = \$	<u>14</u>
Online:	<u>28</u>				
Total:	<u>29</u>	Kennel License:	<u>15</u>    <u>16</u>	# of Licenses: <u>17</u> x \$30.00 = \$	<u>18</u>

Reason: 19 Adjustments: \$ 20

**DOG LICENSES AT NO CHARGE**

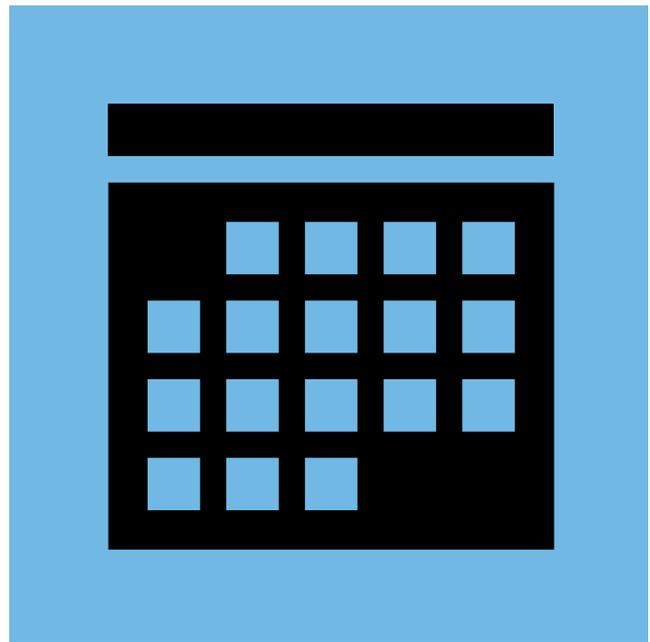
Replacement Tags:		_____
Service/Search/Rescue:		_____
Hearing/Guide:		_____
Transfers:		_____
Adjustments/Voids		_____

} 21

Report Total: \$ 22  
 Check #: 23

\*\*WOLF HYBRID\*\* Please attach a copy of any license issued for a wolf hybrid.

**CLERKS USE ONLY (OPTIONAL)**  
 License #'s issued: \_\_\_\_\_ thru 24  
 Last month's ending balance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minus stickers issued for month: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Equal this month's ending balance: \_\_\_\_\_







STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Division of Animal and Plant Health  
28 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0028



**ANNUAL RABIES VACCINATION WAIVER FORM**

*Vaccinating domesticated animals against rabies both protects the individual animal against a virtually 100% fatal disease and also provides a crucial barrier between humans and wild animals that might carry rabies. Modern rabies vaccines are considered very safe and have a low incidence of adverse effects. However, some animals might require a waiver of rabies vaccination because the vaccination poses an unacceptably high risk to the health of the individual animal. Maine law permits practicing veterinarians to issue such a waiver under certain circumstances.*

**Patient Information:**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Species:  Cat  Dog  
 Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female  
 Sexually intact?  Yes  No  
 Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Colors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Microchip?  Yes If yes, microchip number \_\_\_\_\_  No  
 Microchip Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tattoo?  Yes If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  No

**Owner Information:**

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State veterinary license #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of request (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Practice or Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History of Animal:**

Explicit reason for requesting rabies vaccination waiver (attach additional sheet if required):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

This form has been adapted from and approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, 1/26/2012.



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**Rabies Vaccination History:**

List all previous rabies vaccinations given. Specify date(s) of vaccination, type(s) of vaccine given and the manufacturer(s) of the vaccine (attach additional sheet if required):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Adverse Event Reporting:**

Per the AVMA policy entitled "Reporting Adverse Events," veterinarians are encouraged to report adverse events. If the rabies vaccination waiver is being requested due to a previous adverse event experienced by the animal due to a rabies immunization, has the event been reported to the: USDA Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB), 1-800-752-6255?

Yes Date of report to USDA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

Product manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of report to manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No

I have examined the animal above and determined that, in my professional opinion, there is considerable risk of harm to the animal from the administration of a rabies vaccine as required by law.

Signature of Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Optional supporting documentation:

**Animal Owner's Acknowledgment**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the animal described above and that I have been informed of the following:

- This waiver is only effective until one year from the date indicated below, and that I will need to submit a new request every year, which may or may not be granted.
- I should minimize the risk of the animal becoming exposed to rabies by keeping it on my premises or on a leash at all times and minimizing exposure to other animals, especially wild animals. If exposed to a potentially rabid animal, euthanasia of my pet may be required.
- A waiver from rabies vaccination does not exempt the animal from Maine rules or laws related to rabies. If this animal is potentially exposed to rabies, or if the animal bites a person, public health authorities may require that the animal be quarantined and observed for signs of rabies, or euthanized immediately and tested for rabies.

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# LICENSE FEES

License	Dog Owner Pays	Town Pays State	Municipal Animal Welfare/ACO Account	Clerk/Dog Recorder
Male/Female	\$11.00	\$10.00	NONE	\$1.00
Spay/Neutered	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Municipal Kennel	\$42.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$2.00
Replacement License	\$1.00	NONE	NONE	\$1.00
Transfer License	\$1.00	NONE	NONE	\$1.00
Service Dog	No fee with a completed form	NONE	NONE	NONE
Search/Rescue Dog	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Late Fees *Feb 1	\$25.00	NONE	\$25.00	NONE
Dangerous Dog	\$100.00	\$1.00	\$98.00	\$1.00
Dangerous Dog Late Fees *Feb 1	\$150.00	NONE	\$150.00	NONE
Nuisance Dog	\$30.00	\$1.00	\$28.00	\$1.00
Nuisance Dog Late Fees *Feb 1	\$70.00	NONE	\$70.00	NONE

# ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTION FROM FEES

- **A. A trained service dog owned or kept by a physically or mentally impaired person (must complete the Service Dog Verification For Waiver of License Form)**
- **B. A trained search and rescue dog recognized by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or by the statewide association of search and rescue that cooperates with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in developing standards for search and rescue**
- **C. A dog certified by the state and used for law enforcement purposes**

***\*\*\* there is no exemption from late fees \*\*\****

# WHAT IS A SERVICE DOG?



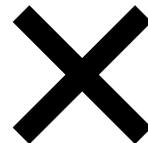
## SERVICE DOGS

Any dog trained to perform tasks for an individual with a disability.



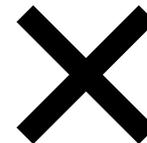
## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS

Medically prescribed animals providing therapeutic benefit through dedicated companionship.



## THERAPY DOGS

Animal-assisted therapy involving animals as a form of treatment.



**Service Dog Verification Form for Waiver of License Fee**

**Part I – Applicant and Dog Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Statement:** By signing this form, applicant is saying, "I have read the State laws on page 2 of this application and I understand the definitions of 'disability' and of 'service dog' and the penalties for misrepresenting a dog as a service dog, which are printed below."

**Dog Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Applicant asserts that the specific dog is a service dog, qualifying under the definition of "service dog" because it meets one (or more) of the following standards:

The dog fulfills the function recommended by a Physician, Psychologist, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, or Licensed Social Worker (or other healthcare practitioner approved by the Department); if this box is checked, the applicant must have the practitioner fill out and sign the Part II below;

or

The dog has been provided or trained by a service dog-training agency:  
(name and location of agency: \_\_\_\_\_.)

I understand the penalties for misrepresentation of a dog as a service dog. The information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Part II – Statement of Practitioner (Physician, Psychologist, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Social Worker, or other practitioner approved by the Department)**

Practitioner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

License or Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant is a patient of the practitioner named above.

I have determined that the applicant has a disability for which a service dog is necessary based on healthcare considerations, consistent with the definitions in Maine law for "disability" and for "service animal." A service dog will fulfill one or more of the following functions (Check those that apply):

Perform tasks that will mitigate the effects of the individual's disability

Provide mobility assistance or alert the individual with a disability

Improve health and well being of the individual by mitigating a disabling condition.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Because individuals differ in their ability to care for, obtain training for, manage and supervise a dog, it is advised that the healthcare practitioner and the applicant have a conversation about responsibility for the animal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Practitioner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Practitioner Printed Name

# MUNICIPAL KENNEL LICENSING

“Kennel” – 5 or more dogs kept in a single location under one ownership **for breeding, hunting, show, training, field trials, sledding, competition, or exhibition purposes**. The sale or exchange of one litter of puppies within 12 months alone does not constitute the operation of a kennel.

- Must obtain a license annually from the municipality where dogs are kept
- \$42 license fee covers up to 10 dogs (dogs >6 months of age)
- Kennel tags are issued for dogs at the kennel; individual licenses are not required
- Kennel inspections are required **annually BEFORE** licenses are issued.
  - ACOs must follow Department Chapter 701 Rules for inspection purposes
  - Inspection training available- 1-hour webinar scheduled August 2023, then available online, Humane Agent assistance
  - Kennel Inspection forms available under ACO Resources on AWP Website
  - Exception to inspection is a kennel licensed with the state for breeding, boarding, or as a shelter as the state is inspecting.



Municipal Kennel  
INSPECTION REPORT      RATING

\_\_\_\_\_ Inspection  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Reinspection      Date \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Complaint      Time \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory: C-critical; G- general  
 Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Owner/Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dogs housed: \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel building \_\_\_\_\_ Inside House \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor pens/doghouses \_\_\_\_\_

Agriculture Rules and Regulations

	S	U	G		S	U	G		S	U	G
<b>Section I</b>				<b>F. Sanitation</b>				<b>Section II A, B, C Housing/Exercise</b>			
<b>B. Licenses</b>				1. Waste facilities Cleaned				1. Structurally sound			
1. Renewal/Status				2. Cleaning/disinfecting				2. Cages over others			
2. Posted				3. Animal removed				3. Litters in quiet area			
<b>C. Records</b>				<b>G. Food</b>				4. Pups <2weeks warm			
1. Official CVT's				1. Stored properly				5. Removed 2x/24hour			
2. Received From				2. Fed 2x/ day				6. Separate exercise area			
3. Person Receiving				3. Lactating females				7. Cages – dry place			
4. Vacc/ Med. Treat.				4. Pups/kittens fed 3x /day				8. Easy access for cleaning, care			
5. Mortality Records				5. Clean water							
6. Vet Services				6. Weekends/holidays				<b>Section II D Outside facilities</b>			
7. Euthanasia Records				<b>H. Disease Control</b>				1. Doghouses			
<b>D. Primary Structure</b>				1. Sick separated				2. Entrance to doghouse			
1. Structurally Sound				2. Program				3. Chain / Collar			
2. Water, heat & Electric				<b>I. Noise</b>				4,6. Chain length			
<b>E. Temperature Control</b>				1. Minimized				5. Multiple animals			
1. Inside Min. Temp.				<b>J. Ventilation</b>							
2. Outside Shade				1. Odors not detectable							
				<b>K. Lighting</b>							
				1. Min. 8hours/day							
				<b>L. Special Instructions</b>							
				1. Provide instructions							
				<b>M. Health at Time of Release</b>							
				1. Unfit for sale							
				<b>N. Unlawful Sale</b>							
				1. Completed 7 <sup>th</sup> week							

**Summary & Explanation of Violation(s)**

Violation	Critical	General	Correction Needed

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Animal Control Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner/Manager)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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# MUNICIPAL KENNEL ISSUES

- Hot button issues in many communities
- Multiple kennel licenses for one property
- Complaints include noise (barking), dogs kept outdoors, conditions, and often neighbor disputes
- These complaints and disputes fall within the municipality's duties to manage
- Source of 3950-A Complaints (Official Refusal of Neglect of Duty by a local official)



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# DANGEROUS AND NUISANCE DOGS

- **20-A. Nuisance dog.** "Nuisance dog" means a dog or wolf hybrid that causes bodily injury, other than serious bodily injury, to an individual or a domesticated animal who is not trespassing on the dog or wolf hybrid owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the injury; a dog or wolf hybrid that causes a reasonable and prudent person who is not on the dog or wolf hybrid owner's or keeper's premises and is acting in a reasonable and nonaggressive manner to fear bodily injury, other than serious bodily injury, by assaulting or threatening to assault that individual or individual's domesticated animal; or a dog or wolf hybrid that causes damage to property or crops not owned by the dog or wolf hybrid owner or keeper while the dog or wolf hybrid is not on the owner's or keeper's premises.
- **12-D. Dangerous dog.** "Dangerous dog" means a dog or wolf hybrid that causes the death of or inflicts serious bodily injury on an individual or a domesticated animal who is not trespassing on the dog or wolf hybrid owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the injury or death; a dog or wolf hybrid that causes a reasonable and prudent person who is not on the dog or wolf hybrid owner's or keeper's premises and is acting in a reasonable and nonaggressive manner to fear imminent serious bodily injury by assaulting or threatening to assault that individual or individual's domesticated animal; or a dog or wolf hybrid that inflicts bodily injury on an individual or a domesticated animal who is not trespassing on the dog or wolf hybrid owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the injury and has previously been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be a nuisance dog.

# DANGEROUS AND NUISANCE DOGS: WHAT CLERKS NEED TO KNOW

- Designation of “Dangerous dog” or “Nuisance dog” *can only come from a Court*
  - Animal Control Officer cannot designate a dog to be either a Dangerous Dog or a Nuisance Dog
  - Animal Control Officer CAN impose some restrictions as allowed by statute, while the case is pending to maintain safety if they believe the dog poses a public danger.
- Once the Court designates as such, higher licensing fees and higher late fees are required
- May be permanent restrictions or euthanasia imposed by the Court; penalties to owner payable to the municipality.
- The Court may review the “Nuisance Dog” designation after 2 years upon owner petition and change restrictions or remove the designation.
- Owner must notify the municipality if ownership changes, address changes, or the dog is deceased.
- Signage available on Supply Order form from AWP

## ONLINE DOG LICENSING

- Optional service provided by the town
- \$1 additional service fee to the owner
- Renewal or New Licenses
- Not available:
  - Fee waivers for service/search&rescue dogs
  - Kennel Licenses
  - Dangerous/Nuisance dogs
  - Wolf-hybrids
  - Rabies Vaccination Waivers





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## INCREASING LICENSE COMPLIANCE

- Booth at Community events
- Partner with businesses for flyers, discounts/coupons, signage, giveaways
- Partner with shelters for temp licensing
- License renewals are the easiest target- emails, postcards, town newsletters
- Market “Free Ride Home” (if you provide it)
- Community Resource vs Enforcement

FREE Ride Home Program

Licensed dogs get a Free Ride Home!



**To qualify for the Jackson County Animal Services "Free Ride Home" program:**

- Your dog must have a current Jackson County, Oregon license, and
- No prior incidents or visits for the past 12 months.

**Fees and penalties to "bail out" an unlicensed dog start at approximately \$180! It costs a lot less to license your dog!**

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# MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS

When should we dispatch our ACO?

When should we refer the caller to AWP?

What if we don't have an ACO?

Who is going to pay for this?

What if we need help?

Why won't our contracted shelter do this?



# MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS

## WHEN SHOULD WE DISPATCH OUR ACO?

### Animal Control Duties: 7§3947. Animal control officers

- Dogs at Large
- Rabies Prevention- Enforcement of rabies vaccines and quarantine for bites/exposure to wild animals
- Dog Licensing
- Dangerous or Nuisance Dogs
- Any Local Regulations- town ordinances, noise complaints
- Animal Trespass (Livestock)- Livestock that are loose in the roadway or on another person's property
- Animal confined in a building, enclosure, car, boat, vehicle or vessel or any kind in extreme heat or extreme cold that would be harmful to the animal



# MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS

## WHEN SHOULD WE REFER TO AWP?

### Animal Welfare Duties:

- **Facility Licensing: Breeding Kennels, Boarding Kennels, Pet Shops, Shelters**
- **Investigation of complaints alleging cruelty to or abuse or neglect of animals:**
  - **Allegations of a person killing or attempting to kill an animal belonging to another without consent or legal privilege**
  - **Abandoned animals or Abandoned animals that die as a result of being abandoned**
  - **Allegations that an animal has been injured, overworked, tortured, tormented, cruelly beaten, intentionally mutilated, or drugs have been given to an animal with the intent to harm the animal**
  - **Allegations of lack of food/water, lack of shelter, filthy conditions, hoarding, lack of veterinary care**



# MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS

- **Municipalities are required by statute to have an Animal Control Officer**
  - **If a selectman or code enforcement officer is acting as an ACO, they must take the ACO certification training**
  - **Consider teaming up with another municipality or several municipalities to hire a full-time ACO.**
    - **Hancock County: 9 entities, ACO appointed by/employed by County,**
  - **AWP's Humane Officers can provide guidance and may be able to provide assistance, but cannot step in to fulfill municipal duties.**
- **Why won't our contracted shelter provide ACO service/impound this dog/take these cats?**
  - **What services did you contract for?**
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  - **What services did you contract for?**



# MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS

## WHO WILL PAY FOR THIS? WHAT IF WE NEED HELP?

### AWP's ACO/Municipality Assistance Program

- **Cruelty/Neglect cases**
  - Immediate referrals: 100% covered by AWP,
    - ACO may be asked to provide any history of complaints, licenses, interactions with property or persons
    - ACO may be requested to assist District Humane Agent throughout the case
  - Referrals after >1 ACO interaction OR >2 business days from any interactions: 50/50 cost split municipality and state
    - District Humane Agent takes the lead on the case
    - ACO will provide all documentation, case notes, and communication notes to AWP
    - ACO may be asked to assist District Humane Agent throughout the case
    - ACO may be asked to step back from the case
  - AWP will not accept referrals or cover any cost for a case after ACO or town has been handling it on their own



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# MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS

## AWP'S ACO/MUNICIPALITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- **Courtesy Assistance- District Humane Agents**
  - Telephone/Email guidance on the legal process or clarification of legal requirements
  - Telephone/Email guidance with Notices to Comply, case documentation, investigation planning
  - Assistance with assessing a situation the ACO is handling
  - Providing guidance or assisting in developing a plan for handling a situation
  - Connecting ACO with other entities who may be able to provide resources or assistance
  - Service of a summons in local law enforcement is unavailable
  - Securing placement or transportation of surrendered animals



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# **MUNICIPAL VS. STATE COMPLAINTS**

## **AWP'S ACO/MUNICIPALITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

- **Courtesy Assistance – Assistant State Veterinarian**
  - **Telephone or email guidance regarding rabies response and control measure**
  - **Telephone or mail guidance in collaboration with a District Humane Agent when a veterinary issue is part of a case**
  - **As able, assist with a necropsy, and interpretation of results, including a written summary report as necessary for legal purposes**
  - **Examination of animals removed via ex parte or search warrant in collaboration with assistance from a District Humane Agent**



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# ACO CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

- **New structure coming!**
- **If your ACO doesn't have 8 hours per year of continuing education approved by AWP, they are no longer certified.**
- **FREE RESOURCES- Every ACO can get their 8 hours of training for free via Justice Clearinghouse or AWP's new ACO Lunch & Learns, as well as a variety of other CE opportunities at no cost**
- **Equine training September 2023 Windham (full day in person) and Littleton (1/2 day zoom, then half a Saturday in person)**



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# WHAT ARE THESE 3950-A THINGS?

## 7§3950-A. Official refusal or neglect of duty

AWP is required to investigate if a complaint is filed or can investigate on its own initiative. This can result in fines or revocation of ACO certification.

*Do your ACO and their supervisor know their statutory duties and how to carry them out proficiently?*

If you receive notice of such a complaint:

Provide the requested documents

Advise your ACO to cooperate with the production of documents or provide a response to questions.

Recommendation- have a code of conduct, a conflict of interest policy, and clear expectations for your ACO. Training is available; call AWP if there is a concern, and we can work together on determining what training will address any concerns or deficiencies.



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# RESOURCES

[www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_welfare](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare)

**ACO list by municipality**

**ACO Resources**

**Forms, Applications, Manuals**

**Statutes & Rules**

**Request to Participate in Online Dog Licensing**

**Online Dog Licensing**

**Copies of Ch 725 and 721 for posting**

**Help Fix ME information**

[Animal.welfare@maine.gov](mailto:Animal.welfare@maine.gov)

ph 207-287-3846

fax 207-624-5028

