# **Dog License Renewal Notice**

Town of Rowley - Office of the Town Clerk 139 Main St., PO Box 351 Rowley, MA 01969 978-948-2081 or townclerk@townofrowley.org

# All Black 2023 Dog Licenses expire on March 31, 2024!

## To purchase a 2024 Dog License:

#### Apply or renew online:

- 1. Go to the town website at www.townofrowley.net and click PAY MY BILL, then follow the prompts to pay for Dog Licenses & attach required documents.
- 2. Upon notification of payment & receipt of documents, we will mail your dog's license & tag to you. Please note, there is an additional \$1 fee for online licensing.

#### Apply or renew through the mail or via the Treasurer's Drop Box:

- 1. Complete the License application (below) and submit together with:
  - a. Payment check made payable to: Town of Rowley
  - b. Copy of current Rabies Certificate
  - c. Neutering Documentation (if new and not referenced on Rabies Certificate)
  - d. A self-addressed stamped envelope
- 2. Note that you can return your license application and accompanying payment/documents together with your completed 2023 Street Listing form in the same return envelope.

## Apply in person:

Bring payment (cash or check), copy of current rabies certificate, and neutering documentation (if new and not referenced on rabies certificate) to the Town Clerk's office during open hours.

## MGL Chapter 140, Section 137:

1. All dogs over the age of six (6) months must be licensed in the town in which they reside. 2. Proof of rabies vaccinations must be supplied and 3. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached said license and 4. (as accepted at the May 2013 Annual Town Meeting) No fee shall be charged for a license for service dogs as defined by the ADA or dogs trained to work with law enforcement. 5. No fee shall be charged for dogs owned by persons over the age of 70.\*

#### Town of Rowley, Dog Bylaw:

Any person who fails to purchase a license for their dog(s) or kennel within thirty (30) days of March 31<sup>st</sup>, shall pay, in addition to the regular fee, a late fee and/or penalties according the schedule detailed. Furthermore, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to restrain their dogs from running at large, and from causing annoyance or nuisance by way of barking, whining or howling in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion. There are fines in place ranging from \$25 to \$250 for dogs/owners found to be not in compliance with State and Town Dog Bylaws, additionally owners may be charged fees and fines for delinquent license years.

\*Please enclose verification of <u>your</u> Date of Birth if applying for the over-70 exemptions. Dogs owned by residents over 70 still must be licensed, but there is no charge if licensed in a timely fashion. Late fees do apply.