



## Animal Control

DEAR DOG OWNER:

The City of Boston, as required by law, mandates the annual licensing of dogs, within the city. The licensing of dogs is critical in assisting Boston Animal Control in the prevention of rabies and other associated health problems. It also provides security for pet owners and enhances the general public health and safety of our citizens.

The City of Boston strictly enforces the licensing of dogs as a health assurance to the public and as a safety and identification measure for your pet. To this extent, dog owners may be subject to fines if their pet remains unlicensed. As you fill out your application, please remember that:

- **you must be at least 18 years of age**
- **you must provide proof of an updated rabies vaccination (if applicable)**
- **provide verification that your dog has been spayed or neutered**
- **you must pay all of your outstanding violations**

**I encourage all dog owners to comply with the law and license their animals. Please remember that a pet license is valid from April 1 through March 31, of each year.**

Please print out the registration form and return it with the appropriate materials to Animal Control, Room 811, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Animal Control staff at 617-635-5348 or 617-635-5349.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Director