

Why is the Town conducting an enumeration?

There are several reasons:

- 1 The first is education. Lots of people are simply not aware that they're required to license their dogs.
- 2 Second, our contract with Tompkins County Animal Control (TCAC) specifies that we conduct an enumeration in 2010. New York State requires all municipalities to retain the services of an animal control officer for the purpose of controlling dogs and enforcing the laws regarding dogs. The Town contracts with TCAC for these services, which include removing dangerous dogs, providing shelter and care for lost or injured dogs, and investigating nuisance and cruelty complaints.
- 3 The third reason for conducting the census is financial. Towns are currently charged for dog control service based on human population – towns with fewer people pay less for the service than towns with more people. In an effort to determine whether this is the fairest formula for calculating each town's share of the cost, we are conducting a dog enumeration to determine more accurately how many dogs are harbored in the Town of Ithaca. This number will then be used in reviewing the contract for dog control services.



Town of Ithaca

The dog enumerator visited your house today.

Dog Enumeration 2010

Did you know?

Did you know that New York State Law requires all dogs older than 4 months to be licensed? Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of both you and your neighbors. The license also makes it much easier to locate the owner of a lost dog when he or she is found. Any dog living with you for more than 30 days must be licensed.

How can you license your dog?

It's simple. You'll find a license form on the back of this flyer. Follow the directions included on the form and either mail it back to us or drop it off in person. We'll send you a license and dog tag, and every year we'll mail you a letter reminding you to renew the license. If you have more than one dog, either make a copy of the form for each dog you own or call us and we'll be happy to mail you the number you need. Alternatively, you can simply write the information down on a separate sheet of paper.

If you have a dog that is already registered in the Town of Ithaca, no action is necessary.

Please call the Town Clerk's office at 273-1721 if you have any questions. Ask for Paulette Terwilliger or Deb DeAugustine.

Dog License Form

Directions

1. Complete the information below and deliver the form to the Ithaca Town Clerk, along with the items listed below. **We cannot issue a dog license without these items.**
2. Current rabies certificate showing the date of immunization. We will return this to you with your license. *Note: please do not send the rabies tag.*
3. Spay/neuter certificate, if applicable. We will return this to you with your license.
4. Check made out to the Town of Ithaca in the following amount:
 - \$15 – if the dog is spayed or neutered
 - \$25 – if the dog is not spayed or neutered

Mail or deliver in person to:
Ithaca Town Clerk
215 N. Tioga St.
Ithaca, NY 14850

Owner Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
(if different from mailing address)

Dog Information

Name: _____ Birth Year: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: Female Male

Primary Color: _____ Secondary Color: _____