

Dog Licenses and Renewals

West Warwick requires dog owners to renew dog licenses annually, before they expire.

The licensing year is May 1 through April 30, as required under RI Law.

An up-to-date rabies and spay/neuter certificate are required to license your dog.

The annual fee to license dogs:

spayed/neutered - eight dollars (\$8.00)

unsprayed/unneutered - sixteen dollars (\$16.00)

The fine for not licensing dogs is \$100.00 per dog

RIGL: § 4-13-4 Dog licenses – Fees – Penalties. – (a)(1) Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually in April obtain a license effective May 1 in the office of the city or town clerk of the city or town in which the owner or keeper resides.

- No city or town shall issue any license under this section unless the dog has been inoculated against rabies for the period of time in which the license would be valid.
- All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be valid in every city or town during the then current year.
- Any person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog shall obtain a license within thirty (30) days after he or she becomes the owner or keeper.