

Town of Bethel Dog Rules and Regulations LOVE ME?

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LICENSE ME!

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Dogs are regulated by Chapter 83 of the Town of Bethel Code and Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture & Markets Law.

LEASH LAW

Dogs are not permitted to be at large in the Town of Bethel, unless under a leash not exceeding eight feet in length, other than when on the premises of the person owning, keeping, harboring or having the custody and control of such dog or upon the premises of another with the knowledge, consent and approval of the owner of said premises or when hunting in the company and under the control of a hunter.

BARKING LAW

Dogs are not allowed to disturb the peace. It shall be unlawful for dogs to bark between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. for more than one hour, or for a period of less than one hour but more than ½ hour when period occurs on two consecutive days. It shall be unlawful for dogs to bark between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. barking for more than ½ hour or for a period of less than ½ hour but more than ¼ hour when period occurs on two consecutive days.

LICENSE FEES

Pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Town of Bethel Code the following annual fees are hereby established for all dogs within the Town of Bethel:

Spayed Female	\$7.00
Unspayed Female	\$14.00
Neutered Male	\$7.00
Unneutered Male	\$14.00

One to three year licenses can be purchased.

The Town Clerk acts as issuing agent for dog licenses in the Town of Bethel. Every person harboring or keeping a dog over the age of four months must obtain a license and have their dogs vaccinated against rabies. Dog Licenses can be applied for daily from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A current rabies certificate is needed, and if the dog is spayed or neutered a certificate is required showing the dog has been spayed or neutered. License renewal forms are mailed from the Clerk's Office 30 days prior to renewal date. You can process the renewal in person or by mail at the Town Clerk's Office

NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED

It shall be unlawful to keep more than four dogs of four months of age or more on any property, regardless of the number of owners, unless there is a minimum of 10,000 square feet of lot area per dog and a Special Use Permit has been obtained to operate a kennel.

DOG IMPOUNDMENT

Any dog seized by the Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer shall continue to be impounded and held for the following prescribed time periods:

Seizure Redemption Period

Unlicensed Dog - 7 days

Licensed Dog - 7 days (if personal notice - from date of notice)

Licensed Dog - 9 days (if mail notice - from date of mailing)

At any time during the period of redemption the owner of any dog seized may redeem such dog, provided owner produces proof the dog has been licensed and has been identified and provided further the owner pay the following fees:

Redemption Fee

1st \$50.00

2nd (within a year) \$60.00

3rd or more (within year) \$70.00

*Plus \$15.00 each day board fee

Owner shall be responsible for all expenses incurred in the care and feeding of such dog during its impoundment. The feeding cost per day shall be *\$15.00.

RABIES CLINIC

There are rabies clinics throughout the year from March until October. Vaccinations are available for cats and dogs free from Sullivan County Public Health. The Town of Bethel holds an annual clinic at the Town Hall. I am usually at the clinic to assist and to offer dog licensing. For a schedule of clinics call Public Health at 292-0100 ext. 1

MOVING?

Don't forget to let your Town Clerk know your new address so you will get your renewal form.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Town Animal Control Officer

The Animal Control Officer is regulated by the Town of Bethel Code Chapter 83 and NYS Ag and Markets Article 7.

Henni Anker, Animal Control Officer, can be reached at 798-2340 for complaints and lost or found dogs.

Impounded dogs are taken to the pound at the Town Transfer Station located at 608 Old White Lake, Turnpike, Swan Lake, NY.

If you have a lost dog or found a dog call the Animal Control Officer or the Town Hall. You can also call the radio stations as a free public service announcement.