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**NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR
SPAYING OR NEUTERING?**

Call the Humane Society at 254-2232
or write to: VT Volunteer Services Assn.

PO Box 100

Bridgewater, VT 05034

or, contact VT Agency of Agriculture
VSNIP program at

www.vermontagriculture.com

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control Officer
and Brattleboro Dispatch 257-7950

Windham County Humane Society 254-2232

Rabies Information 1-800-4-RABIES

Town Clerk's Office ph 251-8157
fax 257-2312

**BRATTLEBORO
DOG
REGULATIONS**



RABIES VACCINATIONS

Can't afford the full fee for a rabies vaccination for
your dog?

Rabies vaccinations are offered at a reduced fee for
dogs and cats at annual clinics. These clinics are
generally held in March each year (just prior to the
licensing deadline) at several locations throughout
town.

Contact the Animal Control Officer or Windham
County Humane Society or the Town Clerk's office for
further details.

WARNING

Leaving your pet in a hot car can
be a deadly mistake *AND* it's
against the law!!

On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car
can reach 160 degrees in a matter of minutes,
even with partially opened windows. With only
hot air to breathe, your pet can suffer brain
damage or die from heatstroke.

On hot days, your pet is safer at home!



The information provided in this brochure is intended
to provide assistance to Brattleboro dog owners based
on commonly asked questions. It is not intended to be
a complete listing of all dog regulations in town.

For complete rules and regulations regarding dogs in
Brattleboro, contact the Town Clerk's office for a copy of
the Brattleboro Dog Ordinances or find them on the town
website under Public Records Maps and Documents.



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Animals causing property damage

No person shall permit a dog, cat or other domesticated animal owned or maintained by him to damage the garden, lawn, shrubbery, or other property of another person.



Uncontrolled Dog

A dog owned or kept by any person which is running at large within the town, while on any public way or place, which is not under restraint is prohibited. A restraint must be a leash not more than eight (8) feet long, or is on or within a vehicle. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the leashing of any dog while on private property by permission of the property owner or his agent, or to restrict the use of dogs for lawful hunting. An uncontrolled dog shall include all dogs which, by reason of habitual or frequent barking, howling or yelping, disturb the peace and quiet of persons of ordinary sensibilities.

Vicious Dog

A dog which causes reasonable fear of bodily injury by attacking or threatening to attack a person lawfully upon the premises is prohibited.



Removal of Dog Feces

Removal from Public Property. Any owner or person having custody of any dog shall not permit said dog on any public grounds including public streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks, cemeteries, or any other public grounds within the Town of Brattleboro unless said owner or person in control has in his or her possession a mechanical or other device for the removal of excrement; nor shall said owner or person in control fail to expeditiously remove any such excrement deposited by said dog in any such place. Mechanical or other device shall include, without

limitation, a pooper scooper, a trowel, a shovel, a plastic bag or other appropriate container.

Removal from Private Property. Any owner or person having custody of any dog shall not permit said dog on any private property other than the premises of the owner or person having custody of said dog unless said owner or person in control has in his or her possession a mechanical or other device for the removal of excrement; nor shall said owner or person in control fail to expeditiously remove any such excrement deposited by said dog in any such place. Mechanical or other device shall include, without limitation, a pooper scooper, a trowel, a shovel, a plastic bag or other appropriate container.

Failure to Comply. Persons found in violation shall be fined \$25.00 and the waiver fee shall be \$12.50. A second or subsequent offense(s) shall be fined \$50.00 and the waiver fee shall be \$25.00.



License - Required

It shall be the duty of every person owning, keeping or harboring in the town any dog over six (6) months of age to procure a license therefore in accordance with Title 20, Section 3581(c) of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended. All dogs and wolf-hybrids 6 months of age and older must be licensed at the Brattleboro Town Clerk's office annually on or before April 1. Vaccination against rabies is required by Vermont Statutes before licensing.

A current vaccination means:

All dog and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months (3 years).

If an animal has been neutered, the certificate issued by the veterinarian must be presented when licensing the animal for the first time. A current rabies certificate issued and signed by a veterinarian must be filed with the Town Clerk.



LICENSING FEES ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1

NEUTERED	\$15
UNNEUTERED	\$22

If an animal licensed last year has died or been given away, please report it to the Town Clerk's office at 254-4541 Monday - Friday, 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

PENALTIES AFTER APRIL 1

Dogs and wolf-hybrids licensed after April 1 will be charged a penalty. In addition, a person who fails to obtain a license for their dog or wolf-hybrid by May 1, **shall be fined \$100.00** and the waiver fee shall be \$50.00.

License to be worn on collar

All dogs must have on a collar or harness and, attached to it, the license tag, whenever the dog shall be off the premises of the licensed owner.

Impoundment - Unlicensed dogs

All unlicensed dogs within limits of the town found in violation of this article shall be impounded at the expense of the owner.



Special Dogs and Licensing

Police dogs and dogs specially trained or currently enrolled in training programs by organizations established to provide assistance to owners may be eligible to obtain a license at a reduced rate.