

Notice to Dog Owners:

To best protect Lanesborough citizens and their pets, the following laws are being strictly enforced. Violations of the following ma General Laws of Massachusetts & Town of Lanesborough bylaws carry fines of up to \$25 per offense.

A person who, as of January 1 of each year is, or who during the year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog six months old or over, shall cause it to be licensed.

All dogs six months of age and older must be kept currently vaccinated against rabies and wear a rabies tag attached to a collar or harness. It is the owner's responsibility to provide updated rabies information to the Town Clerk.

All dogs must be restrained at all times and not permitted to wander on private or public ways at will.

No dog shall be allowed to defecate on public or private property other than that of its owner or keeper, or be allowed to cause a nuisance by barking, howling or otherwise disturb another person's right to peace.

As failing to adhere to the above carries heavy fines & court action, we bring this to your attention as a matter of courtesy, and suggest if you own a dog, to license it at the Town Clerk's office in a timely manner. If you no longer own your dog, please notify the Clerk's office or the Animal Control Officer at 442-1351.

Do not kill a dog that has bitten. Confine the dog and call a vet & your doctor ASAP. All persons bitten by or intimately exposed to rabid animals should be given anti-rabic treatment.