



# 2024 Town of Belmont Pet (Dogs & Cats) License Application

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*This form is mailed to every household in Belmont with the annual census.  
If you do not have a dog or a cat, please disregard & recycle this paper. Thank you.*

If your dog or cat was licensed in Belmont in 2023 and is no longer living in Belmont (moved or deceased), please inform the Town Clerk's Office at [townclerk@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@belmont-ma.gov) or 617-993-2603.

## Ways to License:

### Online (Only for renewals with up-to-date rabies vaccination on file with the Town Clerk):

[www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov), click "Pay Bills", then click "Renew My Pet's License and Pay Online."

American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, Debit Cards and EFTs are accepted. A convenience fee of approximately \$1.22 is added to a \$12 transaction. You will need your pet's four-digit 2023 Belmont license number from the license tag or as it's shown on the 2023 license receipt.

### In person or by US Mail or Use Our Secure Drop Box: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave, Belmont, MA 02478. Town Clerk drop box is located at the base of Town Hall steps, parking lot level. We will mail the license/tag to you.

Your completed application must include:

- o Current vaccination documentation
- o Spay/neuter certificate or Veterinarian notation on the Rabies Certificate
- o Check (payable to *Town of Belmont*) or exact cash only (no credit/debit cards)
- o A self-addressed, stamped envelope is appreciated

**Incomplete requests will be returned to the sender.**

Owner's Name (Must be 21 years of age or older): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones (used to reunite lost pets with owners): Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please choose one: Dog      Cat      Please choose one: Male      Female

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Please choose one: Spayed/Neutered      Unaltered

If this is a service animal, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please check here.

All license fees are waived for dogs that serve as service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is unlawful to impersonate a disabled person in order to obtain government benefits. The Animal Control Officer will contact all owners who identify the pet as a service animal to confirm.

Owner's signature required here: \_\_\_\_\_

### FIRST TIME pet license in Belmont – regardless of issue date (if too young but intend to alter, pay the lower rate)

Neutered/Spayed: \$12.00 per pet; \$9.00 if owner is 60 years of age or older

Unaltered: \$37.00 per pet; \$34.00 if owner is 60 years of age or older

### RENEWAL pet licenses issued on or before March 15, 2024

Neutered/Spayed: \$12.00 per pet; \$9.00 if owner is 60 years of age or older

Unaltered: \$37.00 per pet; \$34.00 if owner is 60 years of age or older

### RENEWAL pet licenses issued after March 15, 2024

Neutered/Spayed: \$24.00 per pet; \$18.00 if owner is 60 years of age or older

Unaltered: \$49.00 per pet; \$43.00 if owner is 60 years of age or older

Per General Bylaw §60-200 All dogs & cats must be licensed yearly between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>. **If your pet's rabies vaccination is up-to-date, there is no need to wait for a booster shot, please renew the license now.** Failure to license pets will result in a \$50.00 non-criminal violation in addition to the requirement to license the pet and a late registration fee is applied. Failure to vaccinate pets will result in a \$100.00 non-criminal violation (MGL Chapter 140).

**Pet licenses are valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>**

This application is also posted on the Town Clerk's page of the Town website ([www.belmont-ma.gov](http://www.belmont-ma.gov)) for your convenience.

For more information about licensing, please call the Town Clerk's office at 617-993-2603.

**Thank you for your cooperation to ensure that all domestic animals have timely rabies vaccinations.**

# Scoop It! Bag it and Trash it!

Managing dog waste properly is an easy and impactful way to *make a difference* in the quality of our health and environment.



There are over 1800 licensed dogs in Belmont. These dogs generate nearly 1,500 pounds of solid waste PER DAY! That's over 3 billion bacteria (twice as much as human waste) on Belmont soil daily!

Yes, dogs produce a lot of waste, which if not disposed of properly, can end up in our waterways. Pet waste left on lawns and in public spaces is not only gross, but it is full of harmful bacteria and excess nutrients. Dog waste left in our yards, forest areas and parks can have many adverse effects on health and the environment.

Impacts to our Health and the Environment:

- People who come in contact with pet waste and contaminated water can get sick.
- Bacteria and other parasites found in pet waste, such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium, can survive for long periods when left on the ground and make people and animals sick.
- Pet waste in waterways can cause algae to grow and fish to die off.
- If left in your yard, pet waste can kill grass and other plants.

The Stormwater Connection:

Rainfall and snowmelt go untreated into our stormwater system, then directly into local, streams, ponds, rivers and lakes. As it flows, stormwater picks up contaminants and pollutants (including pet waste) in its path. When pet waste washes into storm drains and waterways, it pollutes the water, making it unhealthy for people and wildlife. That's why it's important to make sure that dog waste and its pollutants do not end up in the storm drains, streams, and wetlands.

## How you can help

*Do your part to keep our waters, lawns, and public areas clean and healthy!*

- Clean up after your pet in both public areas and your yard.
- Bag your pet's waste and throw it in a trash can (Never in a storm drain).
- Only take your dogs where dogs are allowed.

*Individual actions can make a difference! Unlike some forms of stormwater pollution, dog waste can be easily and economically managed. Help keep our waters safe: **Please Scoop the Poop!***

Comments & questions on this flyer should be addressed to Belmont's Health Department or Office of Planning & Building.

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