



2026 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 2025 and is no longer living in Belmont (moved or deceased), please inform the Town Clerk's Office at townclerk@belmont-ma.gov or 617-993-2603. All pet licenses are valid from January 1st to December 31st.

WAYS TO LICENSE:

Online (Renewals Only):

- o You will need your pet's four-digit 2025 Belmont license number; and
- o An up-to-date rabies vaccination certificate on file with the Town Clerk.
- o Acceptable forms of payment: American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, Debit Cards and EFTs
 - o A convenience fee of approximately \$1.22 is added to a \$12 transaction.

You may contact the Town Clerk's office by email or phone for the pet license number. Send up-to-date rabies vaccinations to townclerk@belmont-ma.gov.

In person, U.S. Mail or the Town Clerk's Secure Drop Box (Licenses will be mailed to you):

Your completed application **must** include:

- o Up-to-date vaccination documentation;
- o Spay/neuter certificate OR veterinarian notation on the Rabies Certificate;
- o Fee Payment: Check, payable to *Town of Belmont* OR exact cash only; and
- o A self-addressed, stamped envelope (preferred, not required).

Appear in person or mail applications to: Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave, Belmont, MA 02478.
Town Clerk drop box: Located at the base of Town Hall entrance steps, at parking lot level.

Incomplete requests will be returned to 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 LICENSES (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

RENEWALS – Received on or before March 15th

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

RENEWALS – Received after March 15th (Late Fees Applied)

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 in Belmont must be licensed for the calendar year between January 1st and March 15th. Failure to license pets will result in a \$50.00 non-criminal violation in addition to the requirement to license and a late registration fee will be applied. Failure to vaccinate pets will result in a \$100.00 non-criminal violation ([MGL Chapter 140, §145B](#)).

Avoid these fees by licensing your pet early if the rabies vaccination is up-to-date, do not wait for a booster shot!

This application is also posted on the [Pet Licensing webpage](#) on the Town's website for your convenience.

For more information about pet 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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