

# Pennsylvania's Dog Laws & Dog License Application

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This information is provided in short summary form and contains information about where you can procure your license (using the registration form available on this sheet) in the Springfield Township, Bucks County, area.

## What are Pennsylvania's Dog Laws?

1. All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the county treasurer (Court House, 55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901, Toll Free: 610-982-5144) or Amanda's Auto Tag & Notary, 1307 W. Broad St., Quakertown, PA 18951, 215-538-2400. **A license application form is available below.**
2. All dogs must be under control and may not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.
3. It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to the local humane organization or police.
4. You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where it may be easily found and eaten by dogs whether it be your property or elsewhere.
5. It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog. Fines for abandonment range from \$300 to \$1,000 plus court costs.
6. No dog under seven weeks old may be bartered, traded, sold or transferred.
7. You must have a current kennel license if you operate a kennel that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.
8. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the PA Dept. of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.

## Responsibilities of Police in The Dog Law

- Assist in the enforcement of the Dog Law, including licensing and control.
- Seize and detain any dog viewed running at large, unaccompanied by the owner.
- Investigate dog bites.

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### DOG LICENSE APPLICATION Year of Licensure \_\_\_\_\_

DATE		DOG'S NAME		DOG'S AGE	BREED		
COLOR OF DOG		SPOTTED <input type="checkbox"/>	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/>	BLACK <input type="checkbox"/>	BROWN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER — INDICATE <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>REGULAR</b>				<b>PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE</b>			
MALE \$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		NEUTERED MALE \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		FEMALE \$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		SPAYED FEMALE \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	
ABOVE PRICES INCLUDES ONE DOLLAR SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW				ABOVE PRICES INCLUDES ONE DOLLAR SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW			
If the license is issued by an agent of the COUNTY TREASURER, an additional .50¢ will be charged.							
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES THE DOG OWNER BE A SENIOR CITIZEN OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE OR DISABILITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OR AGENT.							
OWNER'S NAME				PHONE NUMBER		OWNER'S BIRTHDATE	
						MO.	DAY
						YR.	
STREET OR R.D. NO.				TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH			
CITY				STATE <b>PA</b>		ZIP CODE	

IF YOU APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES YOUR DOG TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED, YOU MUST EITHER SUBMIT WRITTEN VERIFICATION FROM A LICENSED DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE OR SIGN THE FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT:  
I HEREBY VERIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE DOG THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOG LICENSE APPLICATION, THAT THE DOG HAS BEEN SPAYED OR NEUTERED AND THAT I MAKE THIS STATEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF 18 Pa. C.S. § SECTION 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE WHEN MAILING. IF SENIOR CITIZEN, OR PERSON WITH A DISABILITY, APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE DOG OWNER.

MAIL TO COUNTY  
TREASURER'S OFFICE

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DOG OWNER/APPLICANT