

Section 5-4. Regulation of vicious dogs

(Please consult the Town's Code of Ordinances for the complete ordinance)

- (a) Purpose
- (b) Definitions
- (c) Control of vicious dogs
- (d) Prohibited activities
- (e) Impoundment; issuance of citations; hearing procedures; appeals
- (f) Violations and penalties
- (g) Responsibility of parents for ensuring compliance
- (h) Exceptions

(Ord. of 9-27-2000)

Contact the Portland Animal Control Officer...

- To adopt a dog
- To report a barking dog
- To report a dog/animal bite
- For a roaming dog in custody
- For a dog struck/injured by a motor vehicle
- To report suspected abuse/neglect of an animal
- To report nuisance and/or distressed wildlife

Dogs that are six-months and older must be licensed with the Town every year. The license is effective from July 1 to June 30 of that year. The rabies vaccination certificate issued by your veterinarian is required as proof.

New dog owners should submit the Dog License form along with payment to the Town Clerk's Office. Current fees per dog:

Spayed/Neutered dogs = \$8.00

Unaltered dogs = \$19.00

DOES YOUR DOG HAVE A LICENSE?

*It's required
by law!*



Licensing helps reunite lost
dogs with their owners.

Portland Animal Control

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Animal Ordinances



Section 5-1: Feeding of raccoons and other wild animals prohibited

Section 5-2: Removal of dog litter

Section 5-3: Roaming and nuisance animals

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Town of Portland Ordinances: Chapter 5—Animals

Section 5-1. Feeding of raccoons and other wild animals prohibited

(a) No person shall feed, harbor or shelter raccoons, feral cats, foxes, coyotes, woodchucks or skinks within the Town.

(b) No person or business entity shall leave waste food products, and containers, garbage or other similar refuse attractive to such animals outside of an enclosed structure unless the same are contained within appropriate trash or refuse receptacles to maintained as to minimize access by such animals.

(c) The director of health for the town is hereby authorized to add additional species to this prohibition from time to time as such director deems necessary, and upon review and approval of the board of selectmen.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this section will be issued a warning for the first violation. Any person who violates any provision of this section after receiving the first violation warning shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each violation, and each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

(Ord. of 8-12-1992)

Section 5-2. Removal of dog litter

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in control of any dog to allow or permit such animal to defecate upon any sidewalk or any other public or private property maintained for human use, other than property of the owner or his agent, unless such person shall remove all feces so deposited by such animal before leaving the immediate premises.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to guide dog accompanying any blind person.

(c) Anyone in violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00.

(Ord. of 5-3-1995)



Section 5-3. Roaming and nuisance animals

(a) No owner of any animal shall allow such animal to create a nuisance or roam at large within the town while it is not in control, by means of a leash, of the owner or agent of the owner, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the open hunting or training season or any animal while performing or being exhibited in a bench show or exhibition.

(b) If an animal is found at large in violation of this section, it shall be impounded by the animal control officer.

(c) Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00.

(Ord. of 10-8-1997)



**KEEP DOGS
ON LEADS**