# DOG LICENSES and the ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC

 **DOG LICENSES ARE DUE APRIL 1, 2016**

Any person who owns or harbors a dog that is more than six months old must have it registered,

numbered, described, and licensed annually between March 1 and April 1. Owners must come to the Town Clerk’s office to purchase and receive licenses. The Town Clerk will provide a license tag that must be worn on the dog’s collar. The fee breakdown is outlined below:

$9.00 for each neutered male or spayed female ($11.00 if late)

$13.00 for each non-neutered dog ($17.00 if late)

Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a license for a spayed female or neutered male dog, he

or she shall exhibit to the Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that

the female or male dog has been sterilized.

***A person who fails to license a dog in the required manner shall be fined up to $250.00.***

Before a person can obtain a license for a dog, the owner or keeper must show the Clerk acurrent rabies immunization certificate.

***At the 1993 Town Meeting, the Town of Guildhall voted to require dog owners to prevent their***

***animals from running at large, and to keep said animals under restraint when not on the owners’ property*. *Note that in 2009, the Selectboard adopted an updated and expanded***

***ordinance related to dog ownership in the Town. (See Local Ordinances page for***

***information)***

Questions and concerns about stray dogs can be addressed to the Town Constable, who is legally responsible for dog control in Guildhall. Please note that the Town of Guildhall and its Constable do not regulate stray cats. To avoid nuisance cats, the Town suggests that residents refrain from feeding strays.

For more on laws related to domestic pets, see **Vermont Statutes**, Title 20, Chapter193.