

Dog License Information and Zoning Regulations regarding dogs

Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 174 Dogs

Dog License Requirement (s 174.05)

The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall pay the dog license tax and obtain a license.

A dog specially trained to lead the blind or deaf or to provide support for the mobility-impaired is exempt from the dog license fee (receives a free tag) but must annually make application for a dog license and collar tag from the local collecting officer (Treasurer in Plymouth township). (s 174.055)

A dog kept for educational or scientific purposes is exempt from paying a license fee and obtaining a license. (s 174.054)

Dogs brought into the state temporarily (visiting from another state) for a period not to exceed 30 days if kept confined or on a leash shall be exempt from the license requirement. (s 174.12(5))

Dog Licenses and Collar Tags (s 174.07)

Upon payment of the fee and presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, a license shall be issued. **(It is the responsibility of the collection official (Treasurer) to verify the dog is current with the required rabies vaccination before issuing the license. A license cannot be issued without presentation of evidence.)** The license application must contain a tag number, the owner's name, address and phone; sex of dog, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, name, breed and color of the dog; name of the veterinarian/clinic, rabies vaccination date and vaccination expiration date.

No license or license tag issued for one dog shall be transferable to another dog. (s 174.12(4)). (This applies to regular dog license only; see below for multiple dog licenses.)

No person except the owner or the owner's authorized agent shall remove any license tag from a dog collar or remove any collar with a license attached from any dog. No person shall keep or harbor a dog wearing a fictitious, altered or invalid license tag, or a license tag not issued in connection with the licensing or keeping of the dog wearing the same.

Dogs Running at Large (s 174.042)

A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person. A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

A dog is considered to be untagged if a valid license tag is not attached to a collar which is kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area.

ZONING REGULATIONS:

Rural Residential Properties (RR) may have 10 Rabbits, 3 Dogs OR 3 Cats

Urban Residential Properties (R1) may have 10 Rabbits, 3 Dogs OR 3 Cats

Properties zoned as either RR or R1 shall not have more than 3 dogs on their property.