

# Dog License & Off-Leash Permit



**Visit us on-line at:**

**[newtonma.gov/government/  
city-clerk/dog-licensing](https://newtonma.gov/government/city-clerk/dog-licensing)**

**Dogs residing in Newton must be licensed by  
April 1<sup>st</sup> every year.**

## Reasons to License Your Dog:

- 1. IT'S THE LAW!** Living in Newton brings many lifestyle advantages and cultural rewards, but there also responsibilities. Good citizens get their dogs licensed.
- 2.** By licensing your dog, it assures the community that you care about your dog's welfare and took proper steps to vaccinate against rabies.
- 3.** If your dog is lost, a license is the fastest way to find you. Even if your dog is microchipped, a license tag is immediately visible and does not require a scanning device.
- 4.** A dog license is just \$20/\$25 if your dog has been spayed or neutered [or \$70/\$75 Off-Leash]. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50.00.

For details regarding off-leash parks and any updates, visit Parks, Recreation & Culture:

[newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture](https://newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture)

or call 617-796-1500

## Pet Safety in an Emergency

Newton cares about your pet, so please be prepared in case of an emergency.

Keep a file with:

- ◆ A photo of your pet (with you in the photo)
- ◆ Current Rabies Certificate
- ◆ Current Printed Dog License



Newton Massachusetts Animal Response Team (NMART) will operate shelters for pets in case of large scale emergencies or disasters. Visit Animal Control: [www.newtonpolice.com/nmart/index.html](http://www.newtonpolice.com/nmart/index.html)

## There are 7 Off-Leash Permitted Locations:

\* = Fully Fenced In

**Braceland Playground:** Chestnut St. [bottom tier]

\* **Cabot Park:** Newtonville Ave. [corner entrance]

**Clafin Playground:** Lowell Ave. [gate entrance]

\* **Hunnewell Park:** Grasmere St. [off Hunnewell Ave. parallel to MA Pike]

\* **McGrath Park:** Washington St. [gate entrance]

**Newton Centre Playground:** Bowen St./Centre St./Homer St./Tyler Ter. [entrances]

**Old Cold Springs Park:** Beacon St. [entrance and follow trail]



- ◆ Keep your dog leashed prior to entering and upon exiting.
- ◆ Do not leave your dog unattended, unattended dogs will be impounded by the Newton Police.
- ◆ You are responsible for immediately removing and properly disposing of any fecal waste deposited by your dog.
- ◆ Your dog must wear a collar with their off-leash dog license tag at all times.
- ◆ Dogs must be at least six months old to visit the off-leash parks. Unspayed dogs in heat are not permitted.



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