

**Notification to owners of Pit Bull and other
Dangerous Dogs:**

Effective August 29th, 2005 The Ontario Government restriction on Pit Bulls became law.

The amendments prohibit anyone from owning, breeding, transferring, importing, fighting or abandoning pit bulls in Ontario.

The definition of a pit bull includes: pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, American pit bull terrier or a dog that has an appearance and physical characteristics that are substantially similar to any of the aforementioned dogs.

For Ontario residents who currently own a pit bull, the new legislation contains a "grandfathering" clause, which will allow existing pit bulls to remain in Ontario provided that the owner can prove that the pit bull was owned by a resident of Ontario on August 29th, 2005 or born in Ontario between August 29th, 2005 and November 26, 2005. Pit bull owners must also comply with the regulations under the Dog Owners' Liability Act by the October 28th, 2005.

The provincial regulation under DOLA (Regulation 157/05) stipulate that restricted pit bulls must be leashed and muzzled in public, and spayed or neutered effective October 28th, 2005. The onus of proof that a dog is not a pit bull, or that it is a restricted or "grandfathered" pit bull, will lie with the owner of the dog.

Effective August 29th, 2005, in a Court proceeding, if a pit bull owner is found to have contravened a provision of the Dog Owners' Liability Act or their dog has bitten, attacked or posed a menace to public safety, a mandatory destruction order will be issued by the Court.

Penalties under DOLA include:

\$10,000.00 (maximum) fine and or 6 months in jail

\$60,000.00 (maximum) fine for corporations

The court may also make restitution orders requiring convicted persons to make compensation to the victims.

Leash Law: All dogs in Ingersoll must be kept on a leash when not on the owner's property. If a dog strays it can be impounded and its owners can be ticketed for "Failing to prohibit a dog from running at large." The dog that is impounded is not being punished but rather protected.

Rabies: Provincial Legislation requires that all dogs have an up to date rabies vaccination. There remains no cure for rabies.

Penalties: See By-Law 01-3989 for a breakdown of rules and regulations.

Barking Dogs: Barking dogs are an annoyance and a nuisance. Barking falls under the Noise By-Law which is enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Defecation: To protect individuals and other pets from disease and to keep our town beautiful, Ingersoll requires that any person who owns, harbours or possesses a dog shall immediately remove and sanitarly dispose of any excrement (droppings) of the dog. Failure to do so can result in the owner being fined.

Bites: All animal Bites should be immediately reported to the Oxford County Board of Health.

Important Contact Information

**Town of Ingersoll - (519) 485-0120
130 Oxford St, 2nd Floor, Ingersoll, ON N5C 2V5**

Hillside Kennels - (519) 469-3247

Ontario Provincial Police – (888) 310-1122

Oxford County Board of Health – (519) 539-9800

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INGERSOLL



DOG LICENCE APPLICATION



**IF YOU ARE NOT A
DOG OWNER,
PLEASE DISREGARD
THIS NOTICE!!!**

If your dog has been registered, you are required by law to renew your licence. **Please complete the application form inside this pamphlet and bring it in to the municipal office with the appropriate fee to receive your new dog tag.** If your dog has been neutered/spayed since last renewal, a copy of the Veterinary Certificate must also accompany your application to qualify for the lower fee. If you no longer have a dog that was previously registered, please notify us so we can remove the information from our system.

If you **have not previously** registered your dog(s) in the Town of Ingersoll, please follow the same steps as above and bring spayed/neuter certificate to the Municipal Office located at 130 Oxford Street, 2nd Floor here in Ingersoll to obtain your dog tag(s).

**PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT ALL
DOGS HAVE UP TO DATE RABIES VACCINATIONS**

Why are there animal laws?

Laws protect people. They also protect pets. Although many people feel having a pet is an individual's right, some animals do cause problems and have to be regulated. Laws are designed to provide better health and safety for the public.

Dog Licensing:

All dogs in the Town of Ingersoll must be licensed and wear the tag, even if you are simply looking after the dog. Failure to purchase/renew the licence can result in penalties (increased licence fee, a ticket or court action). You may keep a maximum of 2 dogs (8 weeks of age or older) in a dwelling unit or on any premise.

Licence costs vary and depend on whether you have had your pet neutered or spayed. Licences are valid for the calendar year and expire on the 31st day of December in the year for which it was issued.

Replacement tags for lost or damaged tags are available for \$5.00 ea.

A dog tag is identification and will assist animal control staff in returning your dog should it ever become separated from you.

**DOG LICENCE APPLICATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED (PLEASE PRINT)**

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

1st Dog Tag No: _____
Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____ Colour: _____

Sex: _____ Birth date (Age): _____

SPAYED o r NEUTERED - Circle One

Rabies Vaccination Date: _____

2nd Dog Tag No: _____
Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____ Colour: _____

Sex: _____ Birth date (Age): _____

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Rabies Vaccination Date: _____

CURRENT FEES (Subject to change)

Non-Spayed/Neutered.....\$25.00

Spayed/Neutered.....\$20.00

Replacement Tag\$5.00

Late Renewal Penalty after Feb 1st.....+ Plus \$5.00