

DOG LICENSING

The Dog Licensing Ordinance within our Municipality is one of the oldest laws on our books. It goes all the way back to our more rural farming days when packs of "wild" dogs could kill most of a farmers chickens in one night. It was important to establish ownership of the individual animals and then to control their boundaries. Today the importance of licensing is to help deter the spread of Rabies.

Rabies is a relatively new occurrence in New Jersey, having arrived here several years ago with raccoons transported to our state from down south. Currently, Atlantic County has several documented cases of Rabies each year.