

Dear Townspeople,

In your most recent property tax bill, please note a bright yellow reminder to register your dog(s) with the Town Clerk by June 30th, or as soon thereafter as possible. For the health and safety of your pet and others, licensing your dog is required by State law. This needs to be done by June 30th on an annual basis to ensure that your pet is up-to-date with rabies vaccinations.

Check the registration tag your dog currently wears to see whether it is time to renew the license. The color of the tag changes each year which allows the Animal Control Officer to visually identify which animals are properly registered. Your compliance with the law not only helps prevent the spread of disease, it helps ensure the safe return of your dog in the event it is lost. Additionally, Animal Control Officer Mark Harper plans to enforce the regulations and advises Weston residents to get every dog properly licensed to avoid a \$75 fine.

According to the Westport News, Westport is estimated to have 70% of its dogs registered. Regionally, that is far higher than average. Presumably Weston is at least equally compliant. I'm happy to report already a positive response to the notice homeowners received several weeks ago from animal control, along with an upswing in applications.

For the health, safety, and enjoyment of your pet, your neighbors and the entire community, let's work together to achieve 100% registration of our canine friends. For further information, contact The Town Clerk's Office (203-222-2616) or ACO Mark Harper (203-222-2642).

Have a happy summer!

Nina Daniel

First Selectman