



# New Kent County, Virginia

## Office of the Treasurer

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### Lifetime Dog License FAQ's

#### **What is a Lifetime Dog License?**

Virginia Code 3.2-6524 requires that **all dogs four months of age or older be licensed**. The Code gives localities the option of providing a lifetime license to dog owners. New Kent County has adopted this lifetime option beginning in 2021.

The lifetime license is valid for the lifetime of the dog, as long as the dog's rabies vaccination remains up to date. Annual licenses will no longer be available.

#### **Will I need to provide proof of rabies vaccination?**

Yes. To purchase your lifetime license, you will need to provide your dog's current rabies certificate. We may also request proof of re-vaccination if you do not submit the new certificate to the Treasurer's office or your vet fails to send us a report/omits your dog's record.

#### **How does the Treasurer's office know if my dog's vaccination is kept current?**

Dog owners are asked to submit their updated vaccination records to the Treasurer's office. Veterinarians are also required by law to send a copy of all dog vaccinations performed *and all relevant information* to the Treasurer's office. We will use these to update your dog's record.

#### **What about 20 or 50 dog kennel licenses?**

The lifetime license does not affect kennel licenses. Kennel tags are available for annual purchase at a cost of \$25 for up to a 20 dog kennel and \$35 for up to 50 dogs. There is no change to kennel licenses.

#### **Where do I purchase the dog licenses and what is the cost?**

At the New Kent Treasurer's office for a one-time fee of \$15 for the lifetime license.

#### **Who enforces this law?**

The animal control division of the New Kent Sheriff's Office. The Treasurer's office will provide reports to animal control to aid in their enforcement.

#### **What is the penalty for not obtaining a license?**

Failure to comply shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor and possible confiscation of the dog by the court.

#### **How do you know if a dog has not been vaccinated or is not licensed?**

We have no way of knowing that information. An unvaccinated/unlicensed dog's owner would be guilty of failing to comply with the law.