Vendor License Instructions

Please complete a Vendor License Application in its entirety. The vendor license will expire 90 days from the day the application is processed. If you need to advertise beyond the 90 days you must reapply for a new vendor license. A new vendor license will be issued upon receipt of $25.00.

7 § 4163. Dog or cat vendor's license

A person may not advertise for sale, sell or exchange for value more than one cat or dog under the age of 6 months in a 12-month period unless that person has a valid animal shelter, kennel, breeding kennel or pet shop license or a valid vendor's license issued under this section. [2007, c. 702, §36 (AMD).]

1. Vendor's license; fee. A person may apply for a vendor's license by completing and submitting to the department an application form provided by the department. Upon receipt of a completed application, the department shall issue a vendor's license and an identifying license number that is valid for a period of 90 days from the date of issuance. A person is entitled to one vendor's license in a 12-month period at no charge. A fee of $25 must be submitted with each additional application for a vendor's license within a 12-month period. [2007, c. 702, §37 (AMD).]

2. Advertising. A person possessing a vendor's license issued under this section must include that vendor's license number in any form of advertising, brochure or sign that announces the availability of a dog or cat for sale or exchange. The vendor's name and license number must be provided to a person purchasing or otherwise receiving a dog or cat from the vendor. [2007, c. 439, §34 (NEW)]

3. Violation. A person who fails to comply with this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $200 may be adjudged, none of which may be suspended. [2007, c. 439, §34 (NEW).] Please note the definition of a breeding kennel listed below. If you qualify as a breeding kennel under this definition, you must have a Breeding Kennel license in order to operate and may not obtain a vendor license.

8-A. Breeding kennel. "Breeding kennel" means a location where 5 or more adult female dogs or cats capable of breeding are and some or all of the offspring are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value or a location where more than 16 dogs or cats raised on the premises are sold to the public in a 12-month period. "Breeding kennel" does not include a kennel licensed by a municipality under section 3923-C when the dogs are kept primarily for hunting, show, training, sledding, competition, field trials or exhibition purposes and not more than 16 dogs are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value within a 12-month period.

Please return your signed application to the address below via mail or fax:

Maine Animal Welfare Program
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0028
Phone: (207) 287-3846 Fax: (207) 624-5028
Email: animal.welfare@maine.gov
Vendor License Application
(Please print, completely fill it out and sign the form below in order to prevent any delays in processing)

Name(s) ____________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________  Physical Address: ____________________________

Phone: Home: ____________________________  Cell: ____________________________  County: ____________

Species:  Cat: _______  Dog: _______  Breed(s): ____________________________

How many adult female dogs/cats located at this address that are not spayed or neutered? ____________

Name of Dog/Cat  Current Dog License #  Rabies Tag #  Rabies Expiration Date:

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Number of Puppies/Kittens in litter:______________  Date Puppies/Kittens were born:______________

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Signature ____________  Date ____________

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