

Kennel Laws Changed: On September 20th, 2024, an Act to Increase Kennel Safety (AKA Ollie's Law) was signed by Governor Maura Healey. This act updated dog kennel licensing laws and created a pathway for future kennel regulations in Massachusetts.

MGL Chapter 140 Section 137A (a) A person maintaining a kennel shall obtain a kennel license. Private kennels (more than 4 dogs) commercial kennels (1 or more dogs, held for boarding, holding, daycare, overnight stays, or training) commercial breeder kennels, domestic charitable kennels and veterinary kennels (holding dog for non-medical reasons must have kennel licenses.

KEY CHANGES effective December 19, 2024

- Commercial boarding or training kennels shall maintain records of individual dog licenses for all dogs in its care that are required to be licensed under Chapter 140 Sec. 137
- All dogs over 6 months of age must wear rabies tags at all times and individual dog licenses
- A kennel license cannot be issued until a passing kennel inspection has been completed by the Animal Control Officer. Animal Control Officer must also inspect prior to license renewal.
- Commercial Boarding or training kennels shall report to the licensing authority injuries to animals or people that occur on their premises and the licensing authority shall investigate all reports. To report injuries that occur within a kennel click here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/kennel-injury-reporting-form/download>

For more information on Act to Increase Kennel Safety (AKA Ollie's Law)

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ollies-law-information#:~:text=Kennel%...>