



**TOWN OF REHOBOTH
GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING
FOR A PERSONAL KENNEL PERMIT
(MORE THAN FOUR DOGS)**

Pursuant to Mass General Law Chapter 140, Section 136A & Town of Rehoboth GENERAL
BYLAWS CHAPTER B PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY, Article VI Permits,
License and Public Demeanor, Section 22A

Definition of a Personal Kennel:

“Personal kennel”, a pack or collection of more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, owned or kept under single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the department, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit.

- 1) Complete and submit attached permit application to the Board of Selectmen.
- 2) The Board of Selectmen shall schedule a Public Hearing within 30 days upon receipt of application (only complete applications will be accepted). You will be asked to notify abutters directly adjoining permitted premises and across street within 300' by certified mail return receipt requested. You must submit a “certified abutters' list” with application for a Personal Kennel Permit; abutter information can be obtained in the Board of Assessor's Office or on Town Website. Public Hearing must be advertised in local newspaper at expense of applicant; Selectmen's Office will place notice in newspaper.
- 3) Application must state types of dogs, number of dogs, ages of dogs, identify for what purposes dogs are owned and detailed description of where dogs will be housed.
- 4) The permit shall be valid for only the location listed on the permit and will expire on March 31st of each year. Renewal applications will be forwarded during the month of February of each year. There will be no fee for renewal of permit.
- 5) Applicant will be responsible for the cost of advertising the Public Hearing. Payment must be made prior to or at the Public Hearing.
- 6) The Board of Selectmen will consider the impact the kennel will have on the neighborhood and neighbors.
- 7) There will be a one-time fee of \$50.00 for an initial Personal Kennel Permit (License).
- 8) Holders of a Personal Kennel Permit will still be required to pay their dog kennel license fees to the Town Clerk on an annual basis.

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The issuing of this permit does not entitle the holder to board, groom or engage in any commercial activities/business relating to the handling of dogs. Such activities require filing an application with the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit.

Acknowledgement: I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that all information provided on this application is true and accurate, and I understand that any information that is found to be false or misleading will result in the forfeiture of this permit. This permit will only be effective for the listed location, will expire on March 31st of each year and will be subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations set forth in the Town of Rehoboth General and Zoning By-laws and any applicable State and Federal laws, and any conditions prescribed by the Town of Rehoboth.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Required Documentation:

Inspection of Kennel by Animal Control Officer Performed on: _____
Date

Animal Control Officer	Signature: _____	Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
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Dog/Kennel License Fees Paid ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proof of Rabies Certificates on File in Town Clerk's Office ☐ Yes ☐ No

Town Clerk	Signature: _____	Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
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Zoning Officer	Signature: _____	Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied
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Approved by Board of Selectmen on _____

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman

James Muri, Clerk

George M. Solas, Sr., Member

Michael Deignan, Member