

## **NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS:**

To best protect the residents of Hancock and their pets, the following laws are being strictly enforced. Violations carry a fine of \$25.00. These laws are governed under Massachusetts General Laws and the Town of Hancock.

Any person who is, or who during the year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog six (6) months of age or older, shall cause that dog to be licensed.

All dogs six months of age or older shall be kept current on vaccinations for rabies, and wear a rabies tag along with their license tag attached to a collar or harness.

All dogs must be restrained at all times and not permitted to wander on private or public property at will.

No dog shall be allowed to defecate on public or private property other than that of its owner or keeper, or be allowed to cause nuisance by barking, howling or otherwise disturb another person's right of peace.

As the above carries a fine and/or court action, we bring this to your attention as a matter of courtesy, and highly suggest if you own a dog, to license it at the Town Clerk's office in a timely manner. If you no longer own your dog, please notify the Town Clerk for removal from the dog roster.

Never intentionally kill an animal that has bitten. Contact the Animal Control Officer & your Primary Care Provider ASAP. Dogs that have not been kept up to date on their rabies vaccinations, spread rabies and you would need to be given anti-rabies treatments.