

Civil Forfeitures

- Begins with RSA 466:11 – “Clerks of towns and cities shall furnish yearly to the local governing body a list of those owners who have failed to renew their license for use in preparing the warrant of unlicensed dogs.”
- The fee is authorized by RSA 466:13 and is set at \$25 unless it is not paid within 15 days and the case is disposed of in district court as a violation with a fine not to exceed \$50
- Time line for standard renewals:
 - Between June 1 and June 20 the town or city clerk supplies a list of owners failing to license or renew to the Governing Body (Council, Alderman, Selectman)
 - Within 20 days of June 20 the Governing Body shall issue a warrant to a local official authorized to issue a civil forfeiture for each unlicensed dog
 - Local law enforcement officer to whom the warrant names in RSA 466:14 is issued shall return the warrant, on or before August 31, to the local Governing Body issuing it and shall state in the return the number of owners who received and paid the civil forfeiture, the number of dogs in the city or town which have been seized and held under the provisions of RSA 466:14, and the number of owners who have received summons to a district or municipal court for failure to pay the civil forfeiture or license