

To Our Boarding and Daycare Clients:

In September 2024, an Act to Increase Kennel Safety ('Ollie's Law') was signed by Massachusetts State Governor, Maura Healy. This Act updated dog kennel licensing laws in the hopes of making doggy daycares and kennels safer in the aftermath of an event that ultimately led to the death of a 7-month old Labradoodle at an East Longmeadow pet boarding facility.

Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ollies-law-information> for complete information on Ollie's Law.

The boarding and daycare facilities at WAHPR were already in compliance with many of the changes set forth by Ollie's Law. However, stricter regulations on rabies certification and dog licensing will take effect in June 2026.

For our boarding and doggy daycare pets, this means:

1. WAHPR must be provided with up-to-date copies of veterinarian-signed rabies certificates for any dogs attending daycare, and for all dogs and cats in boarding. **Please note that this rule has long been in effect.**
2. WAHPR must be provided with copies of any daycare or boarding dog's current city or town license. **This rule will take effect on June 1st, 2026.**
3. All daycare and boarding dogs must have collars displaying both their rabies tags AND licensing tags.
 - a. We will still remove collars during daycare and boarding (for safety!), but these collars must be displayed for random inspection. **This rule will take effect on June 1st, 2026.**

Any pets that are not in compliance with the above outlined will be denied daycare and boarding services.

We apologize for the inconvenience! Please take these next few months to present your dog's current license, make sure their rabies vaccinations are not expiring, and affix their rabies and licensing tags to their collars.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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