

What is the difference between a kennel permit and a breeder's permit when licensing dogs?

Kennel permits are mandatory for owners of two or more domestic pets or wolf hybrids that are at least four months of age, and kept for sale or breeding purposes. Kennel permits must be purchased in addition to other permits and licensing requirements and must be renewed annually. 20 V.S.A. § 3681.

The so-called "breeder's permit" is discretionary and may be purchased by owners or keepers of domestic pets kept for breeding purposes. The breeder's permit does not excuse the pet owner from purchasing the kennel permit; it does, however, allow the owner to register the animals for \$30.00 for the first ten animals plus \$3.00 for each additional animal registered. Breeders who register their animals under the breeder's permit are excused from registering each animal individually at a cost of \$4.00/neutered and \$8.00/un-neutered.

- Dominic Cloud, Director, Municipal Assistance Center

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