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BUREAU OF REGULATION AND INSPECTION

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To: Town Clerks

From: Bruce A. Sherman, DVM, MPH *BAS*  
Director, Bureau of Regulation and Inspection

RE: **Licensing of dogs with a "Rabies Vaccination Exemption Certificate" in lieu of a "Rabies Vaccination Certificate".**

Public Act No. 06-105, *An Act Concerning Exemption From Rabies Vaccination Requirements*, became effective on October 1, 2006. This Public Act provides for the licensing of a dog when an owner submits to the Town Clerk a "**Rabies Vaccination Exemption Certificate**" issued by the Department of Agriculture in lieu of a "Rabies Vaccination Certificate".

"Rabies Vaccination Exemption Certificates" will be issued solely by the Department of Agriculture and only after such exemption has been granted by the State Veterinarian, the Commissioner, or the Commissioner's Designee based on an application made by the animal's attending veterinarian. The attending veterinarian must determine that a rabies vaccination would endanger the animal's life due to disease or other medical considerations.

The "Rabies Vaccination Exemption Certificate" is good for only one year and must be reapplied for on an annual basis if an exemption is warranted. It is valid only if signed by the State Veterinarian, the Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee and displays the Department's official seal in the lower right corner.

Please contact me at 860-713-2506 if you have questions.

Enclosures:

Public Act No.06-105  
Rabies Vaccination Exemption Certificate (sample)

