

## Shelburne dog tags due April 1st

The Shelburne Police regularly responds to calls about dogs. To effectively and efficiently deal with these calls the police need to be able to identify the dogs and their owners. If police are unable to identify a dog's owner or home the only option is to have the dog taken to a pound. This is one of the reasons for the town by-law requiring all dogs to have current dog tags. These tags need to be renewed every year. The deadline for 2014 dog tags is April 1st. The cost of the 1st dog tag is \$20. If a second tag is required the cost is \$30 and the third tag is \$80.

Dog owners are also reminded that unless dogs are fenced in or in a home on private property, they must be controlled on a leash. Dogs are not allowed to run free anywhere in the town of Shelburne including any parks. It is also the responsibility of dog owners to clean up all excrement their dogs leave anywhere other than on their own private property.

Here is a list of the by-laws that relate to dogs in the town of Shelburne: Fail to procure licence, fail to secure tag to dog, fail to secure dog by lead, permit dog to run at large, permit dog to howl or bark excessively, and fail to remove excrement. The fine for all these infractions is \$55.