## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



Department of Agricultural Resources

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Dear Animal Control Supervisor,

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 151, the mayor of each city and the board of selectmen of each town shall annually designate an animal control officer ("ACO"), who may be a police officer or constable. The mayor or board of selectmen shall immediately submit to the commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("Department") the names, addresses and dates of hire of such animal control officer(s).

The Department is required under MGL Chapter 140, section 151A to inspect the facilities that municipalities use to hold stray dogs and other animals that come into the possession of the ACO. Municipal animal holding locations must be reported to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

Below you will find prepopulated information from our current ACO database. To confirm, add, or to make changes to your ACO designations please visit <u>Municipal Animal Control Officer Designation 2025 | Mass.gov</u> Please note, if you prefer this email can be printed out and updated forms can be uploaded into the portal above, or emailed to <u>sheri.gustafson@mass.gov</u>

Please submit designation confirmation and any needed changes no later than February 1, 2025.

Should an ACO leave his or her position mid-year, please notify the Department immediately. Any of the required information pertaining to any new hire employed during the year should be submitted on a new designation form immediately upon their hiring.

If you have any questions, please contact sheri.gustafson@mass.gov

Sincerely,

Michael Cahill, Director Division of Animal Health, MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources





## Municipality:

ACO Supervisor Information										
ACO Supervisor Title and Name					ACO Supervisor Address					
ACO Supervisor Phone				ACO	ACO Supervisor Email					
ACO Superviso	or Signatur	e		Date						
Animal Holding Information										
Type of Holding Facility (municipal, private, shared regional)					Do you have a municipal ado program? (Yes/No)	ption				
Holding Facility Name					Types of Animals Housed (dogs, cats, other)					
Holding Facility Address										
Animal Control Officer Information										
Number of ACOs			General ACO Ema (if available)			nail				
ACO Mailing Address							ACO Main Phone Number			
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ACO status Please write Current, Remove, or Add	ACO Na	ame and Title ACO Emergency Number			hone					ACO Date of Hire
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