

# New England State Issues

## September 2022

**Connecticut** – Established in [Public Act No. 22-54](#), the Department of Agriculture has convened a workgroup to explore a state-wide dog license portal. In addition to the Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association and the Town Clerks Association, AKC and the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners are discussing provisions for the pre-use testing of the portal by each category of intended users and any implementation plan for consideration by the General Assembly next year.

**Maine** – The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has hired Ronda Steciuk as the new Animal Welfare Program Director. At the September Animal Welfare Advisory Council, members provided an update on a dog license subcommittee's discussion regarding a statewide online renewal portal and the need for legislation to implement changes. AKC is monitoring the subcommittee's work.

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