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Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN OF BROOKLINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**



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*Division of Environmental Health*  
**11 Pierce Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02445**  
**Telephone: (617) 730-2300 Facsimile: (617) 730-2296**  
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**RESIDENTIAL - PERMIT FOR KEEPING OF ANIMALS**

**REQUEST PERMIT (Chickens, Horses, Swine)**

**New: \$60 Renewal: \$25**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lot Owner (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of the Premises Where Animal(s) are to be Kept:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Species of Animal(s) to be Kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Animal(s) to be Kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Animal(s) to be Kept: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Principal Veterinarian for Each Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

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For renewal applicant, please be advised that any new/additional animals must be approved by the Brookline Department of Public Health.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the contents and requirements of this application packet and agree to the provisions in the Brookline Keeping of Animals Regulation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*It is recommended that new applicants begin at the Zoning Department – form attached\*\*\***

**Please include the following documents to complete the application:**

- Building Department Approval \_\_\_\_\_
- Brookline Department of Public Health
  - o Plot Plan \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Pest Management Plan \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Manure Management Plan \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Emergency Disaster Plan \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Abbuter Notification (completed by Health Dept) \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Any Additional Requirements for Specific Species \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Permit Application Fee: \_\_\_\_\_
- Zoning Board Approval \_\_\_\_\_

*In addition to Building Department sign off, all new permit applications must submit a plot plan showing locations of animal housing environments, other structures proposed of property and property lines. In addition, a sanitation ad operational safety plan for keeping of animals must also be submitted.*

*New permit applications are subject to a Public Hearing. Abutters and Town Meeting Representatives will be notified of hearing date and time.*

**Examples of Conditions Established for Permit Issuance**

**Chickens:**

- Limit of 12 chickens (no roosters).
- An enclosed pod and pen for chicken must be constructed as outlined in submitted plans. Panned area must be chicken wire. The panned area must be covered over the top. Chickens will be restricted to the pod and enclosed pen at all times.
- Feeding of birds shall occur only in the pod and pen. Manure must be cleaned up regularly and composted in an approved composting environment or otherwise disposed of in a sanitary manner. If disposed of offsite department must approve of location.
- Maintain good hygiene practices after contact with chickens.
- Report sick chickens to Brookline Health Department (617-730-2300) and Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture Division of Animal Health (617-626-1792) immediately. Report any animal attacks on chickens to Brookline Health Department.
- The pest control management plan must be submitted as a permit condition.
- As part of the Keeping of Animals permit the Health Department will perform routine, unannounced inspections to ensure compliance with these permit conditions.

Please contact the Inspector of Animals at 617-730-2300 for questions/guidance.