

CONDITIONS OF CAT AND DOG LICENCE

The Animal & Veterinary Service (“AVS”) is a cluster of the National Parks Board, a statutory board constituted under the National Parks Board Act (Cap. 198A).

- A. A maximum of 3 cats or dogs, or a combination of both, may be kept in private premises. Prior written permission of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare must be obtained to keep more than 3 animals that is a cat or a dog. The Housing and Development (Animals) Rules 2024 allow up to two cats and only one dog of an approved breed¹ per residential unit.
- B. A maximum of 1 dog of a breed listed under the First Schedule of the Animals and Birds (Licensing and Control of Cats and Dogs) Rules 2024 (“**Specified dogs**”)² can be licensed per non-HDB premise for new licence applicants.
- C. Contravention or failure to comply with any of the following requirements is also an offence under the Animals and Birds (Licensing and Control of Cats and Dogs) Rules 2024 and can result in the impoundment of the dog, a fine of up to \$5000, and/or revocation of the dog licence.
 - 1. All cats/dogs must be licensed.
 - 2. The cat/dog must be implanted with a microchip.
 - 3. The cat/dog must not be allowed to stray.
 - 4. Cats must be kept under physical control while dogs must be kept under control on a leash when in a public place.
 - 5. The cat/dog must be kept at the address stated in the licence.
 - 6. Steps must be taken by the licensee to:
 - a. ensure that the cat/dog is kept in a safe environment that minimises the risk of death or serious injury to the cat/dog; and
 - b. prevent the escape of the cat/dog from the premises or place in which the cat/dog is kept.
 - 7. The licensee may not keep more than 3 cats or dogs, or a combination of both, in his/her premises without the written permission of the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare.
(Cat owners are allowed to license and continue to keep all their existing pet cats owned prior to 1 September 2024, as long as the cats are licensed on or before 31 August 2026, and the cats’ health and welfare are taken care of.)
 - 8. A dog of a breed listed in the First Schedule of the Animals and Birds (Licensing and Control of Cats and Dogs) Rules 2024 or classified as dangerous or potentially dangerous must meet the conditions listed in Annex A.

¹ Local mixed-breed dogs (Singapore Specials) can only be licensed under Project ADORE (Project on ADOption and REhoming of dogs).

² Breeds listed in the First Schedule:

• **Part 1:** Pit Bull (includes American Pit Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull or Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Bull dog), Akita, Neapolitan Mastiff, Tosa, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Boerboel, Perro de Presa Canario, and their crosses.

• **Part 2:** Bull Terrier, Doberman Pinscher, Rottweiler, German Shepherd (includes Belgian Shepherd, East European Shepherd), Mastiffs including the Bull Mastiff, Cane Corso and Dogue De Bordeaux, and their crosses.

9. The licensee must notify AVS within 28 days on any change of particulars (including particulars of the new licensee, if applicable) in PALS, if:
 - a. He/she has given away the dog; or
 - b. The cat/dog has passed away or is lost.
 - c. The licensee and/or the cat/dog have been relocated
- D. Additional licensing conditions may be imposed and existing licensing conditions may be subject to change by the AVS at any time.
- E. Impoundment fees, microchip and boarding costs will be imposed for the recovery of an impounded cat/dog.
- F. A cat*/dog licence is valid for the duration specified in the licence and must be renewed before expiry of licence. The licence/renewal fee[^] is as follows:

Category	1-year Licence	2-year Licence	3-year Licence	One-time Licence
Cat/Dog below 5 months old	\$15 (\$13.50)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sterilised cat/dog	\$15 (\$13.50)	\$25 (\$22.50)	N.A.	\$35 (\$31.50)
Non-sterilised cat/dog	\$90 (\$81)	\$165 (\$148.50)	\$230 (\$207)	N.A.
4th or subsequent cats/dogs	\$180 (\$162)	\$325 (\$292.50)	\$460 (\$414) *For non-sterilised cats/dogs	\$460 (\$414) *For sterilised cats/dogs

* Cat owners can license all their existing pet cats for free from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2026.

[^] Fees with 10% rebate for payment made via electronic payment platforms i.e, GIRO, online or AXS stations are indicated in (brackets).

- G. Please visit our website at <https://www.avs.gov.sg/licensing-a-pet> for more details.

Summary of Control Measures

Part 1 Specified Dogs

1. The dog must be leashed and securely fitted with a muzzle that is sufficient to prevent the dog from biting any individual when in a public place.
2. The dog must be sterilised if above six months of age.
3. The licensee must have in force a policy of insurance approved by the Director General for an amount of not less than \$100,000 to cover any injury to individuals or animals, or damage to property, that may be caused by the dog.
4. The licensee must provide to the Director-General security in the form of a banker's guarantee for \$5,000.
5. Any existing banker's guarantee would be forfeited for non-compliance and the owner must take up a fresh banker's guarantee of an amount as directed by the Director-General.
6. The dog must undergo applicable training set out at the Internet website at <http://go.gov.sg/dogtraining>.

Part 2 Specified Dogs

1. The dog must be leashed and securely fitted with a muzzle that is sufficient to prevent the dog from biting any individual when in a public place.
 2. The licensee must have in force a policy of insurance approved by the Director-General for an amount of not less than \$100,000 to cover any injury to individuals or animals, or damage to property, that may be caused by the dog.
 3. The licensee must provide to the Director-General security in the form of a banker's guarantee for \$2,000.
 4. Any existing banker's guarantee would be forfeited for non-compliance and the owner must take up a fresh banker's guarantee of an amount as directed by the Director-General.
- The dog must undergo applicable training set out at the Internet website at <http://go.gov.sg/dogtraining>.

All Dogs

1. The dog must be microchipped.
2. The dog must be leashed when in a public place.
3. The Director-General may give a direction to any licensee who is permitted to keep any dog that is not a specified dog to comply with all or any of the requirements specified in the above paragraphs for specified dogs.