

## NOTES TO DOG LICENCE APPLICANTS

A. A maximum of 3 dogs may be kept in private premises. Prior written permission from the Director-General, Agri-Food & Veterinary Services must be obtained to keep more than 3 dogs. Current HDB rules allow only one dog of an approved breed per residential unit.

B. With effect from 15 Nov 2010, a maximum of 1 Scheduled dog can be licensed per non-HDB premises for new licence applicants. Scheduled dogs kept in premises that held valid licences before 15 Nov 2010 will not be affected.

C. Contravention or failure to comply with any of the following requirements is also an offence under the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules and can result in the impoundment of the dog, a fine of up to \$5000, and/or revocation of the dog licence:

1. All dogs above 3 months of age must be licensed.
2. The dog must be implanted with a microchip.
3. The dog must be on a leash in a public place.
4. The dog should not be allowed to stray.
5. A dog of a breed listed in the Second Schedule<sup>1</sup> or classified as dangerous or potentially dangerous or fierce must meet the conditions listed in Annex A.

D. Impoundment fees, microchip and boarding costs will be imposed for the recovery of an impounded dog.

E. A dog licence is valid for one year only and must be renewed before expiry of licence. The licence/annual renewal fee for a sterilised dog (or a dog less than 5 months of age) is \$15 and \$90 for an unsterilised dog.

F. Failure to comply with the dog licensing conditions can result in the revocation of the dog licence and impoundment of the dog. Additional licensing conditions may be imposed and existing licensing conditions may be subject to change by AVA at any time.

G. Please visit our website at [www.ava.gov.sg](http://www.ava.gov.sg) for more details.

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<sup>1</sup> Breeds listed in the Second Schedule

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

**Summary of Control Measures with effect from 15 Nov 2010**

**Part I Scheduled Dogs**

1. Dogs must be leashed and securely muzzled when in a public place
2. Dogs must be microchipped
3. Dogs must be sterilised if over six months of age
4. The owner must take up an insurance policy for at least \$100,000 coverage against injury to persons and damage to property
5. The owner must take up banker's guarantee of \$5,000
6. Any existing banker's guarantee would be forfeited for non-compliance and the owner must take up a fresh banker's guarantee of \$5,000.
7. Newly licensed dogs must undergo obedience training

(Note : With effect from 15 Nov 2010, existing licensed Perro de Presa Canario were moved from Part II to Part I of the Schedule.)

**Part II Scheduled Dogs**

1. Dogs must be leashed and securely muzzled when in a public place
2. All existing and newly licensed dogs must be microchipped
3. Owner of newly licensed dog must take up an insurance policy for at least \$100,000 coverage against injury to persons and damage to property
4. The owner of newly licensed dog must take up banker's guarantee of \$2,000
5. Any existing banker's guarantee would be forfeited for non-compliance and the owner must take up a fresh banker's guarantee of \$2,000
6. Newly licensed dogs must undergo obedience training

**All Dogs**

1. Dogs must be leashed when in a public place
2. Any dog that has initiated an unprovoked attack and caused injury to a person or animal, depending on the severity of the injury, may be subject to one or more of the following control measures:
  - a. The dog must be leashed and securely muzzled when in a public place
  - b. The dog must be microchipped
  - c. The dog must undergo obedience training
  - d. Premises must be secured to prevent the escape of the dog
  - e. The owner must take up an insurance policy for at least \$50,000 coverage against injury to persons and damage to property
  - f. The owner must take up banker's guarantee of at least \$2,000. Any existing banker's guarantee would be forfeited for non-compliance and the owner must take up a fresh banker's guarantee of the same amount, or higher.