



RULES REGARDING DOG OWNERSHIP

The following should be noted and taken into consideration.

1. The owner of a domestic animal is bound to maintain the animal in a good and sanitary condition.
2. The owner is responsible, in the event of any harm, damage, or inconvenience caused by their pet to persons, objects, roads, and public places.
3. The law prohibits the abandonment of animals in the streets or any other areas.
4. All pets must be registered in the municipal register for pets. Contact your town hall or local police station. The registration document and the certificate to prove that the animal has been inoculated against rabies, must be available to present to the relevant authority
5. In public, dogs must be fitted with both a collar and a leash at all times. Pets that weigh more than 20 kilograms, and dogs listed as dangerous should also be fitted with a muzzle.
6. Dogs are prohibited from fouling the streets, sidewalks and all other areas intended for public use. Should the latter occur, the owners are responsible and must collect the droppings?

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7. It is strictly forbidden to feed any animal in the street; it is also against the law to deposit food in containers, with the intention of feeding stray animals in public places.

Fines for non-compliance of the law (Protection of animals) vary from seventy-five Euros up to a staggering thirty thousand Euros. Defiance of the (dangerous dogs act) can incur fines from one hundred and fifty Euros up to fifteen thousand Euros.

In event of violation of these rules, the relevant authority will initiate disciplinary proceedings as stated in the rules for 'the protection of animals in Andalucía' (Law 11/2003 of 24 November)

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