



Spain

Identification and registration

Dogs

Permanent identification of **dogs** is nationally compulsory. Identification must be by microchip and before the age of 3 months in most Autonomous Communities (some require earlier or later). Once microchipped, the dog must be registered on a database.

Cats

Permanent identification of **cats** is not nationally compulsory, but it is compulsory for cats to be identified by microchip in 7 Autonomous Communities.

Dogs must be registered in the **database** of the relevant Autonomous Community. This is the case for cats in 7 ACs, and is optional in others. The REIAC database links the Autonomous Communities' databases. REIAC and ANICOM (Cataluña) are members of the **EU-wide database** EuroPetNet.

Microchipping of dogs and cats is regulated. The regulations vary between the Autonomous Communities.

Regulation of breeding

Dog breeders

All **dog breeders** are required to be registered in the official register of animal establishments of the respective Autonomous Community. They must provide a map of the facilities, surroundings and access, and a report by an authorised veterinarian regarding sanitary requirements.

Cat breeders

All **cat breeders** are required to be registered in the official register of animal establishments of the respective Autonomous Community. They must provide a map of the facilities, surroundings and access, and a report by an authorised veterinarian regarding sanitary requirements.

There is not yet a publicly accessible national **database** of dog and cat breeders.

Inspections are the responsibility of the competent authority of the Autonomous Community. An inspection must be carried out prior to the breeder being registered in the official register.

There is no legislation prohibiting the breeding of dogs and cats which have **genetic conditions**.

Besides the requirements breeders must comply with for registration, there is no **code of practice** for dog or cat breeders.

Sales and advertising

Dog and cat traders

The minimum age at which a **puppy** or **kitten** can be sold is 8 weeks in most Autonomous Communities.

All dog and cat **traders** must be **registered** and must comply with the sanitary and animal welfare requirements in the Autonomous Community's law.

Sales in **pet shops**, **markets** and **on the street** are allowed.

Surgical operations to modify the appearance of dogs and cats or for other non-curative purposes (e.g. tail docking, ear cropping, devocalisation, declawing) are prohibited, with no exemptions.

There is no specific national regulation of **online advertising** of dogs and cats for sale, however Cataluña requires inclusion of the breeder/trader registration number in the advert.

Legislation: Database of Autonomous Communities' legislation; Registration of establishments; Rules for establishments