



Luxembourg

Identification and registration

Dogs

Permanent identification of **dogs** is compulsory. Identification must be by microchip and before the age of 4 months. Once microchipped, the microchip information must be registered on a database. Every dog owner must also register their dog in their commune of residence.

Cats

Permanent identification of **cats** is compulsory. Identification must be by microchip. There is no maximum age by which the cat must be microchipped, but once microchipped the information must be registered on a database.

There are two approved databases, www.idchips.com ("LAK") and www.tasso.net, but there is no **national database**. LAK is a member of the **EU-wide database** EuroPetNet.

Microchipping of dogs and cats is regulated. Only veterinarians can perform insertion, and the composition of microchip numbers is also regulated.

Regulation of breeding

Dog breeders

All **dog breeders** are required to be registered and authorised by the Veterinary Services Administration. The competent authority assesses the application which includes: information on species and breed, professional competence, facilities and equipment, care and provisions, space and security.

Cat breeders

All **cat breeders** are required to be registered and authorised by the Veterinary Services Administration. The competent authority assesses the application which includes: information on species and breed, professional competence, facilities and equipment, care and provisions, space and security.

A list of authorised dog and cat breeders is recorded on a national **database**.

Inspections of breeders are carried out by the Veterinary Services Administration of the Agriculture Ministry prior to granting the authorisation.

There is legislation prohibiting the breeding of dogs and cats which have **genetic conditions**, including anatomical, physiological and behavioural characteristics that could put health and welfare of either the offspring or the female parent at risk.

Aside from the conditions for keeping animals, there is no compulsory **code of practice** for dog or cat breeders.

Sales and advertising

Dog and cat traders

There is no minimum age at which a **puppy** or a **kitten** can be sold.

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

All dog and cat **traders** must be **registered** and **authorised**. Like breeders, they must provide information on their activities and animals kept, professional competence and conditions in which the animals are kept.

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 regulation of **online advertising** of dogs and cats for sale.

Legislation: Conditions for keeping animals; Animal protection law; Law concerning dogs