



Portugal

Identification and registration

Dogs

Permanent identification of **dogs** is nationally compulsory. Identification must be by microchip and before the age of 120 days. Once microchipped, the dog must be registered on a database within 15 days.

Cats

Permanent identification of **cats** is nationally compulsory. Identification must be by microchip and before the age of 120 days. Once microchipped, the cat must be registered on a database within 15 days.

There is a central national **database**, SIAC, which merges the data of the SICAFE and SIRA databases. SIRA is the only member of the **EU-wide database** Europetnet.

Microchipping of dogs and cats is regulated. Only veterinarians can perform microchip insertion.

Regulation of breeding

Dog breeders

All **dog breeders** are required to be **registered** and **licensed**. To apply for a licence (valid for 5 years), breeders must show compliance with the legal requirements by showing plans of the facilities, a commercial licence, and a stamped opinion of the municipal veterinarian.

Cat breeders

All **cat breeders** are required to be **registered** and **licensed**. To apply for a licence (valid for 5 years), breeders must show compliance with the legal requirements by showing plans of the facilities, a commercial licence, and a stamped opinion of the municipal veterinarian.

Information about dog and cat breeders is recorded on a **database** managed by the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests.

There is no legal requirement for **inspections** of all dog and cat breeders.

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

The **code of practice** for dog or cat breeders is set out in the licensing requirements: breeders must comply with specific requirements regarding space, equipment, lighting and temperature, provision of shelter, food and water, hygiene requirements, daily inspections, enrichment and ability to exercise.

Sales and advertising

Dog and cat traders

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

All dog and cat **traders** must be **registered** and **licensed**. Sales of dogs and cats cannot legally take place anywhere other than at the breeder's establishment.

Sales of cats and dogs in **pet shops, markets** and **on the street** are not 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.

Online adverts for dogs and cats must include the age of the animal, studbook number (if purebred), microchip number of the puppy/kitten and breeding female, breeder registration number, and number of animals in the litter.

Legislation: Identification and registration; Registration and licensing; Companion Animal Protection & here; Purchase and sale of pet animals & here