



Hungary

Identification and registration

Dogs

Permanent identification of **dogs** is compulsory. Identification and registration must be by microchip and before the age of 4 months, or before the first change in ownership.

Cats

It is neither nationally nor regionally compulsory for **cats** to be identified and registered. However, owners can voluntarily identify and register their cat.

There is one pet **database** operated by the Hungarian Veterinary Chamber (petvetdata.hu) and a national dog database operated by the National Food Chain Safety Office, which is also accessible to municipalities and synchronizes with the data of petvetdata. Petvetdata is a member of the **EU-wide database** EuroPetNet.

Microchipping of dogs is regulated insofar as the microchip must be implanted by a vet.

Regulation of breeding

Dog breeders

All **dog breeders** must be registered, however there is no requirement for them to be licensed.

Cat breeders

All **cat breeders** must be registered, however there is no requirement for them to be licensed.

There is no publicly accessible **database** of registered breeders.

Breeders are **inspected** in accordance with the relevant regulations, however there is no requirement for breeders to be inspected prior to registration.

The **breeding** of any animal suffering from a hereditary disease is considered as cruelty and is prohibited. A person keeping pets for sale must also prevent the reproduction of animals with abnormal conformations or behaviour that would cause the offspring to suffer or would have detrimental effects on their health.

There is a compulsory **code of practice** for breeders which includes compliance with the provisions of Act XXVIII on the protection of animals, which applies to all animal keepers, as well as to animals bred and used for economic purposes. The Hungarian Kennel Club and other breeding clubs also have their own codes of practice.

Sales and advertising

Dog and cat traders

There is legislation on the minimum age at time of sale: 8 weeks for **puppies** and **kittens**.

Sales in **pet shops** and on **markets** are permitted but it is prohibited to **sell on the street**.

All dog and cat **traders** must be **registered** and must comply with the provisions set out in Government Regulation 41/2010, the provisions are in relation to animal health, provisions of welfare, veterinary supervision and more.

Surgical operations to modify the appearance of dogs and cats or for other non-curative purposes (e.g. tail docking, ear cropping, devocalisation, declawing) is prohibited. However, tail docking can be performed in puppies until the age of 7 days.

There is no specific regulation of **online advertising** of dogs and cats for sale.

Legislation: Protection and Welfare of Animals; Decree on the keeping and marketing of pets