



Gone the way of the dogs?

Rules for dog owners

Some 13,500 dogs are currently registered in Dresden, the federal state capital of Saxony. Dog owners and dog handlers must comply with these rules to ensure that our four-legged friends do not become an annoyance for others:

Obligation for dogs to be kept on a lead

All dogs must be kept on a lead in the central city areas of the *Altstadt* and the *Neustadt*, because a lot of people are on the move here. The use of a lead is also compulsory at the public transportation stops and wherever there are any gatherings of people, regardless of where they are. The compulsory use of a lead and a dog muzzle applies to American Staffordshire Terriers, Bull Terriers and Pit Bull Terriers throughout the whole area of the city.

Disposal of dog dirt

Dog dirt stinks and is disgusting. Dog handlers therefore must immediately dispose of their dog's dirt, wherever they are. In order to be prepared for this you must always be in possession of a corresponding receptacle and be able to produce this at any time when authority inspections are performed. The dog dirt that has been placed in a bag can be disposed of in a city waste bin or at home.

No dogs allowed

Dogs are not allowed on children's playgrounds and sports grounds. They are also not allowed at public fountains. Here there are signs stating "Please wait outside" for our four-legged friends, so children, sportspeople and pedestrians are not put at risk, and to keep the places clean.

Avoid harassment

Of course dogs are allowed to bark. However, they should neither harass nor put at risk other people and their animals through their behaviour. This includes constant barking, jumping up at people, snapping at people and biting them; begging with dogs is also forbidden. The dog owner must prevent all these things from occurring.

Keep the dog under control

Dog owners must have their four-legged friends under control at all times. This means dog owners and dog handlers must look after their dog in public and are also be able to do so. It is clear who has the final say – the human and not the dog.

Paying dog tax

The owner may pay dog tax for every dog that is registered in Dresden that is more than three months old. The tax stamp of the tax and city treasury office must be attached to the dog's collar as proof of this. This is based on the city dog tax statute. Please contact the Tax and City Treasury Office for the tax registration of your dog. You will also receive the dog tax stamp there.

- Steuer- und Stadtkassenamt, Abteilung Aufwandsteuer, (Tax and City Treasury Office, Expenditure Tax department)
Dr.-Külz-Ring 19, [Tel: +49\(0\)3 51 4 88 21 55](tel:+49(0)3514882155),
Email: steuer-stadtkassenamt@dresden.de

Rules for dangerous dogs

Dangerous dogs require more careful supervision. Stricter rules apply to the keeping of American Staffordshire Terriers, Bullterriers and Pit Bull Terriers and their crossbreeds. The dog owner requires a permit of the Public Order Office in order to keep the dog. All the additional rules are regulated by the Law of the Federal German state of Saxony to Protect the Population from Dangerous Dogs (GefHundG).

Sanctioning of violations

Violations of the rules for dog owners and dog handlers will of course be sanctioned. You will face an administrative fine of up to € 1,000.00. This is based on the City Police Ordinance (PolVO Public Safety and Order).

Questions and reporting of offences

Feel free to contact the Public Order Office with your questions concerning the regulations for dog owners and dog handlers. You can also report offences here if you have been attacked or bitten by a dog. The staff at the Public Order Office investigate these allegations and in justified cases may issue a compulsory muzzle order or an obligation to keep the dog on a lead.

- Ordnungsamt, Gemeindlicher Vollzugsdienst, Sachgebiet Zentraler Innendienst, (Public Order Office, Municipal Law Enforcement Service), Theaterstraße 11–13
Tel: +49 (0)3 51 4 88 63 61 or 4 88 63 34, 4 88 63 57, 4 88 63 59, Email: gvd-zid@dresden.de

Reporting of animal cruelty

Please submit any reports of animal cruelty or violations of the German Animal Protection law to the Veterinary and Food Monitoring Office. The experts will investigate this matter further.

- Veterinär- und Lebensmittelüberwachungsamt, Abteilung Tierschutz und Tierseuchenbekämpfung, (Veterinary and Food Monitoring Office, Animal Welfare and Animal Disease Control Department), Burkersdorfer Weg 18, Tel: +49(0)351 4 08 05 11, Email: veterinaeramt@dresden.de

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