



DANGEROUS DOGS - PERROS

POTENCIALMENTE PELIGROSOS (PPP)

There are certain breeds of dog that are classified as Perros Potencialmente Peligrosos (PPP) in Spain. The Pitbull, American/English Staff, Rottweiler, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Tosa Inu and Akita or any dogs with similar characteristics or any dog that has shown aggressive behaviour to humans or other dogs come under this category.

Dogs with characteristics such as muscular build, heavier than 20kgs, square, wide skull and jaw, short wide and muscular neck and convex cheeks are included as PPPs and should be licensed. When out in public the dog must be kept muzzled and on a short lead at all times. Although you are allowed to keep two PPP dogs on one license one person is only permitted to walk with one dog.

PPP licensing requirements include an owner with no criminal record; the owner must take a physical and psychological ability test; the owner must have specific Damage Liability Insurance. In addition the owners house and land will be assessed for security.

Getting a license is easy, just follow the following steps.

1. Go to your local Town Hall and get a form 790 - they will complete it for you if necessary. This is the application form for a licence for a potentially dangerous dog.
2. Go to bank and pay €3.62 (current rate) and get form 790 stamped by the bank. The bank will keep the yellow copy.
3. Send the white copy (top sheet) to Ministry of Justice in Madrid and wait for reply (about 10 days). This is a Police check that you don't have a criminal record.
4. Have yourself (as dog owner) tested at a clinic. The test covers eye test, hearing test, blood pressure test and a co-ordination and reaction test (same as for driving). It costs about €40.
5. Get your dog checked out and chipped at the vets (vaccinations and general health) and get a passport. Vet will also issue a certificate for the chip.
6. Get your public liability insurance and take the whole lot back to the Town Hall and if all is in order, they will ask the local police to visit you and your dog at home and if all is ok they will tell the Town Hall and the TH will issue your licence. Your

land must be totally fenced.

NB: Take all documents relating to the dog everywhere with you (insurance office, vets, bank) until you have your licence because you can be sure they need to see stamped papers and take various numbers off them (chip no. for example).

In the UK the breeds needing a licence are: Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro. Staffies do not need a licence.

Requirements: restrictions are: lead/muzzle in public, registered, insured and neutered. No breeding, sale or exchange.

