



Advice and Obligations for Owners of Pet Dogs

There are some legal requirements to keeping a dog; these requirements protect you, the environment and your dogs.

- **Your dog must have a microchip**
- **Your dog must have a collar, this will identify quickly that the dog has an owner**
- **Your dog must be vaccinated against rabies**

If you do not undertake your obligation to meet these requirements and your dog ends up in the Perrera where it could die, you will be required to pay 240 euros to get your dog back. You can also be fined if your dog bites someone.

The Ayuntamiento patrol regularly and take animals that appear to be stray. Many owned animals end up in the Perrera and die. Perreras are not good places for animals. There are diseases, lack of food and general care and dogs can die uncomfortably and painfully.

Dangerous Breeds

For example - Pit-bull, Rottweiler, Doberman (if you are unsure, check with your local Ayuntamiento)

- ***A dog in this category requires a special licence if not you can be fined 600 to 800 Euros.***

Information for the health of your dog and safety in your area

It is preferable to keep your dog safely fenced in and not running in the streets.

- A dog running in the road is a potential danger to traffic and could cause an accident
- A dog running in the streets messes the pathways and is bad for the environment of the village
- Dogs loose and in season can cause unwanted pregnancies and therefore add to the existing problem of stray dogs

Unwanted dogs

Sadly there are many unwanted dogs that end up homeless and starving on the street, these will go to the pound where they may suffer before being killed. **How to prevent this?** One solution - **sterilise**. This will make our environment healthier and safer and is a responsible obligation to all pet owners.

If you have a dog you no longer want

Take it to a charity, or association, do not abandon it or take to the Perrera. Or re-consider the reasons why you no longer want your dog and get advice from an association.

Health

Keeping your dog healthy from the following diseases:

- **Tick fever** - Ticks on your dogs can transfer to humans and cause Lymes disease, the best solution is a pipette, which is easy to do and keeps your dog free of ticks and fleas, then your dog can happily live in the house, to be safe and secure.
- **Leishmania** - if your dog is showing signs of this disease, like skin sores, weakness or a limp, then it needs to be seen by a vet. The disease is very treatable in early stages. The disease is very common here in Spain. You can help prevent this disease with a scalibor collar.

Please be a responsible dog owner. Keeping your animals healthy and safe makes your area nicer for residents, neighbours, family, friends and visitors.

For more information and help regarding your animals, speak with your local veterinary clinic

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