

Dog Breeder's Permit

General Conditions

1. Breeder shall have a valid Building and Land Use Permit from the District/Municipal Council
2. Breeder shall produce their Business Registration Card
3. Number of dogs to be allowed for breeding depends upon Kennels and Housing Conditions
4. A site visit for evaluation of Kennels and Housing Conditions shall be done by the MSAW.
5. All dogs shall be microchipped and registered with the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare (MSAW).
6. All dogs shall be examined by a registered Veterinary Surgeon and a medical certificate shall be submitted to the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare at the time of application. The following medical tests and physical test shall be done:
 - a. Animal should be dewormed every three (3) months with dewormer.
 - b. Animal should be vaccinated annually
 - c. Health certificate issued by a registered veterinarian on the basis of x-rays examinations certifying that the dog is not suffering from congenital dysplasia.
 - d. Health certificate issued by a registered veterinarian, on the basis of a clinical examination, certifying that the dog is free from transmissible venereal tumours.

Note: The medical certificate shall not be dated more than 3 weeks prior to the application and shall bear the microchip number of each dog.

7. All dogs shall be fully vaccinated annually against Canine Distemper, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus and infectious Hepatitis.
8. Dogs' health cards should be properly kept and made available to Authorised Officers on request.
9. Only adult female dogs are allowed to be mated as per the list below.

Breed	Age	KG
Small Breed	Not less than 9 months	Less than 10kg at adult age
Medium Breed	Not less than 1 year	More than 10 kg but less than 25kg
Large Breed	Not less than 15months	More than 25 kg but less than 45kg
Giant Breed	Not less than 18 months	More than 45kg

10. Each female dog shall not give birth to more than 1 litter of puppies within a year.
11. Breeders should keep proper records of each litter.
12. Inbreeding and crossbreeding are not allowed.
13. For the welfare of puppies, they shall not be sold before the age of 8 weeks.
14. Further request for permission to include any additional dogs at the breeding site should be sought in writing from the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare and consideration will be given to the request after further site visits.
15. For any treatment or casualty, the dogs shall be treated by a registered Veterinary Surgeon and relevant documents produced on demand.
16. In case any dog is being moved to another breeding site, the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare shall be informed in writing before movement.

- As per section 36 (5) of the Animal Welfare Act 2013, a dog breeder who sells, exchanges or gives away for adoption or as a gift a dog which he is breeding shall, within 7 days of the sale, exchange or giving away of the dog, inform the Society of the name and address of the person who is currently in charge of the dog.

Kennels and Housing Conditions

- Solid flooring and proper drainage system. Walls and floor should be easily cleaned. The floor should be covered with tiles in order to avoid slippery surfaces.
- Kennels shall be equipped with adequate lighting, adequate ventilation, shelter from heat and adverse weather conditions and adjacent to it, a fenced walking space should be provided for each and every dog as stipulated hereunder.

Dimension of Kennel per Individual dog

<u>Category of dogs</u>	<u>Small Dogs (up to 15kg)</u>	<u>Medium Dogs (15 to 30 kg)</u>	<u>Large Dogs (Above 30kg)</u>
Width of kennel	1.5 m or more	2.0 m or more	2.5 m or more
Length of kennel	1.5 m or more	2.0 m or more	2.5 m or more
Height of Kennel	2.0 m or more	2.0 m or more	2.0 m or more

An uncovered fenced walking space adjacent to the kennel having at least the same surface area as the kennel should be provided for the dog's free movement. Both individual kennels and their walking spaces may serve as (i) kennel; (ii) maternity and (iii) nursery for female dogs.

- Daily cleaning of kennels and weekly total sanitization shall be performed of which records shall be kept stating the name of disinfectant, quantity and date of application. An adequate waste collection system shall be in place.
- Dog(s) shall be kept individually.
- Availability and accessibility to fresh water at all times.

Dogs of certain breeds, kinds or descriptions not allowed for breeding as per the Animal Welfare Act 2013 – Fourth Schedule

- American Pit Bull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Blue Nose Pit Bull
- Boerboel
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- Red Nose Pit Bull
- Staffordshire Terrier
- Any other breed, kind or description listed in the First Schedule of the Animal Welfare Act 2013, which is not pure breed.

Note: The Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare reserves the right to conduct site visit at any time at the breeding site and may revoke or review at any time or decide not to issue/renew a breeder's permit and initiate any prosecution as per the legislations in force in case breeders fail to comply to the imposed conditions or if in breach of the Animal Welfare Act 2013.