

Reduction of the dog tax

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You would like to apply for a tax reduction?

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Basic information

On application, a tax reduction may be granted for certain dogs (e.g. kennel dogs, assistance dogs and guard dogs). The reduction amounts to a maximum of 50 percent of the dog tax.

Requirements

Tax reduction for certain dogs (e.g. kennel dogs, assistance dogs and guard dogs). See FAQ`s.

Procedure

Those on low incomes may be eligible for a waiver. See service description "Dog Tax Waiver".

Legal bases

- [Hundesteuergesetz in der Fassung vom 17. Dezember 1984](#)

How long does it take to process

3 weeks

Frequently asked Questions

- **What is a dog tax reduction?**

A reduction of the dog tax is a reduction to half of the assessed dog tax. The reduction is only granted upon application by the dog owner. All reduction circumstances are listed conclusively in the dog tax law Bremen. The tax office will require the completion of certain questionnaires. In Bremerhaven, a different local law applies and therefore other reduction facts.

- **How is a discount granted for a protection dog?**

If a dog is kept as a protection dog, a test certificate from a recognized professional association must be submitted to the tax office.

- **How is a discount granted for a guard dog?**

Dogs required to guard buildings that are located more than 100 meters from the nearest inhabited building, measured from building entrance to building entrance on accessible routes, and that contain only one dwelling or are unoccupied, receive a reduction. The same applies to dogs used for guarding agricultural homesteads or required by licensed companies in the guarding trade or by licensed individual guards for the performance of guard duty.

- **What is a kennel tax?**

The kennel tax is calculated only for dog breeders. In this case, two dogs are assessed. Dog breeders must keep two purebred dogs of the same breed, including at least one bitch, for breeding purposes. The kennel, breeding stock and dogs bred must be registered in a stud book maintained by a dog breeders association. Dogs

that are kept but belong to a different breed and do not meet the requirements for kennel status are fully taxable. The further requirements can be found in the "Leaflet on kennel tax".