

# Dangerous dogs

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## Basic information

Dogs that have already bitten people or animals or jumped at them in a dangerous manner are classified as dangerous by the public order office. They must be kept on a lead in public in Bremen.

Dangerous dogs can run free on your own property. However, the property must be secured in such a way that the dogs cannot escape. Furthermore, a clearly recognizable sign with the inscription "Caution, dangerous dog" must be displayed at the entrance to the property or home.

Dogs of the breeds Pitbull Terrier, Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bullterrier (so-called list dogs), as well as their crossbreeds with each other or with other dogs, are considered dangerous and keeping them is prohibited in Bremen! It is also forbidden to bring them in from another federal state!

The keeping of dogs of the breeds listed above is only possible in exceptional cases and under strict conditions, provided that the dog is adopted from a Bremen animal shelter (Bremen or Bremerhaven). The application for permission must be submitted to the public order office before the animal is adopted.

Dogs that are dangerous, or dogs that are visiting Bremen (for a maximum of 24 hours) and belong to the breeds Pit Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier and Staffordshire Bull Terrier, as well as their crossbreeds with each other or with other dogs, are subject to a muzzle requirement in addition to the leash requirement.

## Requirements

- Age of majority of the owner
- Required reliability
- Personal suitability
- Expertise

## What documents do I need?

- Proof that you have taken out a liability insurance policy
- where appropriate, certificate of competence
- Declaration of consent of the landlord and the co-tenants (for apartment buildings)
- Proof of dog tax liability
- Proof of microchip marking and microchip number
- valid identity card or passport
- Information from the Federal Central Register

Certificate of good conduct, document type 0

## Procedure

### Legal bases

- [Gesetz über das Halten von Hunden \(HundeHG\)](#)

### How long does it take to process

approx. 4-6 weeks

### What are the costs?

60,00 EUR Exemption permit for keeping a dangerous dog (listed dog)

50,00 EUR Muzzle exemption