



## GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

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### CONDITIONS & APPLICATION FOR THE KEEPING OF PROHIBITED & RESTRICTED BREEDS OF DOG

These conditions of keeping apply to persons who:

- will be newly acquiring a dog that is listed as prohibited or restricted, regardless of the source of the animal, and regardless of whether or not you already own a dog of a prohibited or restricted breed; or
- will be keeping a dog of any breed that has proved itself to be problematic.

This Ministry has adopted conditions for the keeping of newly acquired dogs of certain breeds and individual dogs that have become problematic. Any person wishing to keep a prohibited or restricted breed must apply to have their property inspected to ensure that it meets the requirements prior to obtaining the subject dog.

- a). The premises where the animal will be kept or is being kept must have an approved escape-proof kennel, enclosure or area, of no less than 60 square feet. Every entrance or gate to such kennel, enclosure or area must be secured with a dog-proof, lockable device to prevent accidental release of the animal. The owner should take steps to prevent malicious release of the animal as well.
- b). For animals that will be primarily kept indoors, the required enclosure/area shall be easily and immediately accessible via an exit from the primary residence.
- c). Persons are **strongly advised** to consult with the Department of Planning before erecting any kennel, fence or other barrier to ensure compliance with Planning regulations.
- d). The dog may not be left unattended and tethered on the property outside of the containment area; and must be on a leash and under the direct control of a person capable of maintaining control of the animal when not indoors and not in the approved containment area.
- e). That only under very exceptional conditions will anyone be granted permission to keep more than two dogs of prohibited/restricted breed(s).

**NOTE:** Where this Department has a record of a person owning a prohibited or restricted dog as of April 1, 2012, that ownership will be ‘grandfathered’, meaning that keeper will not have to construct secure housing to continue to keep that animal, except that secure keeping can be required if that dog has been problematic, or should that dog stray or cause injury in the future. These conditions will apply should the owner chose to obtain a new dog of a targeted breed.



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**Current Breed Categories**

<u>Prohibited Breeds</u>	<u>Restricted Breeds</u>
American Pit Bull Terrier	Akita
American Bulldog	Australian Cattle Dog
American Staffordshire Terrier	Belgian Malinois
Argentine mastiff (Dogo Argentino)	Bouvier Des Flandres
Boerboel (South African Mastiff)	Bull Terrier
Brazilian Mastiff (Fila)	Bullmastiff
Cane Corso	Chow Chow
Presa Canario	Doberman Pinscher
Neapolitan Mastiff	Dogue De Bordeaux
Tosa Inu	German Shepherd
Wolf	Mastiff – English
Wolf Hybrid	Rhodesian Ridgeback
Any Cross & Similar Breeds of the above	Rottweiler
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
	Any Cross & Similar Breeds of the above

**Prohibited**

- Dogs of these breeds may not be imported, bred or used for breeding.

**Restricted**

- Dogs of these breeds may be imported/kept once the conditions for keeping these dogs have been fulfilled by the importer/new keeper.
- New acquisitions of these dogs require pre-approval.
- Dogs of these breeds may be bred only following receipt of a Breeder’s permit.

Any rare, exotic or uncommon breed may also be refused permission to enter Bermuda or to be used in breeding despite its absence from the list above.

**This list is subject to change without notice.**



**APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE A PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BREED OF DOG**

The Ministry responsible for the environment has implemented conditions for the keeping of dogs of certain breeds. This application is for **in principle** approval to keep a prohibited or restricted dog which is currently resident in Bermuda or will be born under permit. This application should be submitted to the Department at least one month before acquiring the animal. An Animal Warden will inspect the premise where the animal will be kept. You are strongly advised to not purchase nor otherwise acquire a prohibited or restricted dog until an approval has been granted.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

1. NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE AND E-MAIL OF APPLICANT - Person who will receive animal \_\_\_\_\_

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2. NAME, OVERSEAS ADDRESS & PHONE OF PREVIOUS OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

3. DESCRIPTION of DOG (Name, Breed, Sex, Age, Tag #, Identifying marks, Microchip) \_\_\_\_\_

4. WILL ANIMAL BE PREGNANT UPON ACQUISITION? ( ) Yes ( ) Uncertain / Possibly yes ( ) No

5. ADDRESS WHERE ANIMAL WILL BE KEPT (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Dog will primarily be kept:  Outdoors in a fenced yard  Outdoors within a fenced enclosure  
 Indoors within home, but outdoor facility is still required  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Outdoors on a chain/tether, which is not an acceptable form of keeping a dog

7. ALL DOGS PRESENTLY KEPT ON PREMISES, including dogs owned by other households:

Name	Breed	Gender	Licence Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. DESCRIBE ALL TRAINING (of all types) THE ANIMAL HAS RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. WHY IS THE ANIMAL BEING MOVED/TRANSFERRED? \_\_\_\_\_

10. If applicant is a tenant at the residence, the landlord must give consent for keeping this dog.

Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord consent: **Granted** ( ) **Denied** ( ) Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Landlord \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

- Keeping a dog outdoors on a chain/tether is unacceptable and is grounds to reject this application.
- Conditions may be attached to any approval.
- Decision on an IN PRINCIPLE import application is at the discretion of the Ministry responsible for the environment.
- Special licenses are required to breed dogs, possess more than two dogs, to sell or act as broker in sale of dogs, possess or train guard dogs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant or agent

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Date



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**PROPERTY INSPECTION for the  
KEEPING OF A PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED DOG**

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Acceptable	Unacceptable	
		<input type="radio"/> Nothing acceptable <input type="radio"/> 4-foot fence <input type="radio"/> 6-foot fence
		<input type="radio"/> >6-foot fence <input type="radio"/> Enclosure
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Escape-proof kennel, enclosure or area
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Height of fence/wall sufficient to contain animal
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Integrity of fencing/walls, (i.e. solid construction; no holes; bottom cannot be lifted; top is not sagging low; poles are not wobbly/weak)
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Ceiling of enclosure (if applicable)
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Dimension of no less than 60 square feet
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Every entrance or gate secured with a dog-proof, lockable device.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Protection from weather elements
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Enclosure/area easily and immediately accessible via an exit from the primary residence
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Suitability of applicant
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Suitability of dog
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Consent of property owner
<b>Approval</b>	<b>Conditional</b>	<b>Denial</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Warden's recommendation/decision		

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