

**THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND WELFARE ACT, 2015,
NUMBER 10 OF 2016**

Rules under section 37

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND WELFARE RULES

Citation	1. These Rules shall be cited as the Nairobi City County Dog Control and Welfare Rules.
Application for dog license	2. (1) A person desirous of keeping a dog shall submit an application as set out in Form 1 in the Schedule to the licensing officer at the County Department responsible for Veterinary Services. (2) An authorized officer shall inspect the dwellings of the applicant using Form 2 in the Schedule to verify if the applicant satisfies the requirements of sections 6 and 10 of the Act and to make a recommendation to the licensing officer for the issuing of the license or rejection of the application, accordingly. (3) A license shall not be issued to a person aged below eighteen years or to a person of no fixed abode. (4) A license for a dog shall be in accordance with Form 3 in the Schedule. (5) Application for renewal of a dog license shall be made on or before 30th October of the current year.
Register of dog licenses	3. The licensing officer shall keep a manual and computerized register of the licenses issued under the Act which shall be in accordance with Form 4 in the Schedule.
Duplicate license	4. A duplicate license shall be affixed with the legend: DUPLICATE.
Cancellation of license	5. (1) The licensing officer may cancel a license for a dog if any of the conditions of the application and license are no longer being met. (2) The licensee shall return the license so cancelled back to the licensing officer. (3) The licensing officer shall delete the license so cancelled from the register.
Transfer of ownership of license	6. (1) A person who sells a dog or desires to move a dog from one address to another shall apply using Form 1 to the licensing officer to transfer the license to the new owner and address in accordance with this Rule.

	<p>(2) The licensing officer shall cause an authorized officer to inspect the dwelling place of the proposed new owner or new address for suitability for keeping a dog using Form 2.</p> <p>(3) Upon a recommendation from the authorized officer, the licensing officer shall transfer the license to the new owner or new address as the case might be and note the changes in the register.</p> <p>(4) A transferred license shall be affixed with the legend: TRANSFERRED and shall bear the name of previous owner and of the new owner or and new address.</p>
Design of tag	7. In addition to the specifications in the Act, an identification tag shall be of a square shape of about four centimeters, of silvery colour and bearing the license number and the year of issue.
Duplicate tag	8. A duplicate tag shall be affixed with the legend: DUPLICATE.
Restraining dog using a chain	<p>9. (1) A chain may be used as a leash for a dog provided it is properly attached to the dog collar and gives the handler full control of the dog such that it cannot injure another person or animal.</p> <p>(2) A person who ties a chain directly around the neck of a dog for use as a leash shall be guilty of the offence of cruelty.</p>
Notification of seized dog	<p>10. (1) An authorized officer shall issue a notification as set out in Form 5 in the Schedule for any dog seized in accordance with the Act.</p> <p>(2) The notification shall be issued to the owner or servant of the seized dog, and, in the absence of the owner or servant, it shall be affixed at the door of the dwelling.</p>
Inspection	<p>11. (1) An inspection in any place for compliance with the Act shall be carried out by an authorized officer and a preliminary report submitted using Form 6.</p> <p>(2) Upon the completion of an inspection, the owner of the place shall be issued with a certificate as set out in Form 7.</p>
Restoration of seized dog to owner	12. A certified true copy of an application filed in a court for an order to restore a seized dog or thing back to its owner shall be served on the responsible Department within forty eight hours after it has been received by the court.
Muzzling of	13. A person who owns a dog that has propensity for attacking and biting

dogs	people and animals shall keep it muzzled or on a leash when it is outside its kennel.
Kenneling or caging of dogs	<p>14. (1) Every dog in the City shall be controlled either in an ordinary kennel, or a boarding kennel, training kennel or breeding kennel that may be licensed by the County Government under these Rules.</p> <p>(2) For the purpose of this Rule an “ordinary kennel” shall mean the kennel used by a dog owner to control one or few companion or guarding dogs in their dwelling places; a boarding kennel shall mean a kennel used by a person for boarding dogs when their owners are away from their dwelling places, while training and breeding kennels shall be construed accordingly.</p> <p>(3) A person desiring to acquire or renew a kennel license shall apply to an authorized officer in accordance with Form 8 in the Schedule who shall inspect the proposed kennel for compliance with good animal control and welfare using Form 9 and, if found fit, recommend for a kennel license to be issued to the applicant by the licensing officer in accordance with Form 10 in the Schedule.</p> <p>(4) A person, being the owner or occupier of a parcel, shall not cause or permit the keeping or harbouring of a dog at that parcel, unless the owner has a valid kennel license issued under these Rules.</p> <p>(5) A person, being the owner or occupier of a parcel shall not use the parcel as a kennel for the boarding, training or breeding of dogs unless the respective kennel license as specified in sub-Rule (2) for that purpose has been issued in accordance with this Rule.</p> <p>(6) A person holding a valid kennel license shall not cause or permit the keeping or harbouring on a parcel more dogs than is stated under the terms of his kennel license, unless the additional dogs are sucking puppies.</p> <p>(7) A kennel license is not transferable to another person or to another parcel.</p> <p>(8) A person who contravenes the provisions of this Rule shall be guilty of an offence.</p>

Neutering of dogs	15. One license for one dog for one year shall be issued free of charge for a dog which has been neutered during the twelve months period immediately preceding the application for the license subject to the owner providing a copy of a certificate from veterinary surgeon that the dog has been neutered.
Identification of dogs	16. In addition to a license tag, a person may identify his dog using tattoo or any other method provided under any written national law on animal identification. Provided that the county government may review the requirement for the license tag once a national law harmonizing animal identification has been enacted.
Excluding of dogs from certain places	17. A person may only breed dogs for commercial purposes or run a boarding kennel in an area of the City declared as an agricultural or stock zone under a written law.
Dogs to be sold in pet shop	18. (1) A person may only sell or buy a dog in a pet shop approved by the county government. (2) A person who hawks a dog along the City's highways, roads and railways shall be guilty of an offence of cruelty.
Special conditions on licensing and breeding of dogs Cap 366	19. (1) A person shall not breed dogs for commercial purposes unless he is registered as a breeder in accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act. (2) A breeder of dogs shall ensure that his breeding animals are free of genetic and venereal diseases and conditions and for this purpose shall have his animals examined and certified free of such disease or condition by a veterinary surgeon at least once every year. (3) A person who owns a female dog in heat shall confine it or cause it to be confined in a building or enclosure so that it cannot come in contact with other dogs, except those belonging to that owner. Provided that such a dog may be conveyed under the control of a competent person to a veterinary clinic or a breeding kennel. (4) An authorized officer, if satisfied that a licensed kennel has become defective after its approval under these Rules shall serve a written notice to the owner of such premises to correct the defect within a time specified in the notice. (5) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of any

	notice served under these Rules within the time specified by such notice or contravenes any of the provisions of this Rule shall be guilty of an offence.
Destruction of dogs	20. (1) An authorized officer may destroy a dog using humane methods where the dog has been seized in accordance with the Act and has not been claimed by the owner within ninety six hours after such seizure. (2) An authorized officer may impound a dangerous dog which shall be humanely killed by the authorized officer. (3) For the purpose of this rule, a dangerous dog is a dog that has bitten a person or any other animal without provocation.
Removal of dog carcasses in public places Cap 242	21. The provisions of section 116 of the Public Health Act shall be applied by the Nairobi City County department responsible for waste collection and disposal with respect to removal of dog carcasses from public places.
Picking up of stray dogs	22. An authorized officer may seize and take to pound any dog found at large.
Veterinary officer to be authorized officer Cap 364	23. Every veterinary officer under the employ of Nairobi City County Government shall be an authorized officer for the purpose of the Act.

SCHEDULE

Form 1

APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE OR TRANSFER OF LICENSE

(To be submitted in duplicate)

PART 1

1. Full Name (*in block letters*).....

2. Postal AddressTel. No.....

3. Physical address of dwelling place where the dog would be kept including the Ward, plot number, house number and street name:

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4. *I hereby make application to keep a dog at the premises described in 3 above.

*I hereby make application for renewal of my licence to keep a dog.

*I hereby apply for transfer of license.

**Delete whichever is inapplicable.*

5. I declare that I have a Kennel License Numberofand that I am able to control the dog so that it will not be harmful or injurious to human health and welfare or harm to any other animal.

6. (*For dog aged six months and above*) I attach a certified true copy of a valid rabies vaccination certificate for the dog.

Signed.....

PART II

(*To be completed by an authorized officer*)

I,Kenya Veterinary Board Reg. No....., an authorized officer under the Nairobi City County Dog Control and Welfare Act, certify that I have on..... 20 inspected the dwelling place described in 3 above and I am satisfied that a dog can be kept on the said premises without infringing on its welfare and without being harmful or causing injury or annoyance to any person or harm to another animals and attach herewith the inspection report. I do not recommend a license to be issued / I do recommend that a licence be issued (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) to.....to keep a dog which has the following identity on the above described dwelling place *:

name.....Identity Number (if available)..... breed.....
colour(s).....age.....sex.....

**attach other statement of identity of other dogs if the application is for more than one dog*

Signed.....

Date.....

Form 2 FORMAT FOR REPORT OF INSPECTION OF DWELLING PLACE OF AN APPLICANT FOR DOG LICENSE OR TRASFER OF LICENSE

(to be completed in triplicate; original to licensing officer, copy to applicant, book copy to be retained by authorized officer)

1.0 Date of Inspection.....

2.0 Name of Inspector(s).....

3.0 Names of Respondent(s) during inspection.....

4.0 Findings of Inspection

4.1 Description of perimeter fence on the dwelling place.....
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5.2 Is the perimeter fence dog-proof? Yes/No

5.3 Does the applicant have a kennel?.....Is the kennel licensed?.....License
No.....

5.4 Describe the proposed disposal system for dog feaces and other waste that may emanate
from dog keeping.....
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5.5 Is the dwelling place situated in a flat or densely populated area? Yes/No

If Yes, how does the applicant propose to prevent nuisance from barking, yelping, howling
and whining of the dog(s)?.....
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5.0 Conclusions from Inspection.....

6.0 Recommendations by Inspector

6.1 Recommendations to Applicant for Dog License or transfer of licence.....
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6.2 Recommendations to licensing officer.....

Respondents signature.....date.....

Inspectors signature.....date.....

Form 3

LICENSE FOR DOG

To:

- 1. Name
- 2. Address
- 3. Full identification of dog: Name.....Identification Number (if available)
..... Breed.....Colour(s).....
Age (at the time of application).....sex.....

You are hereby licensed to keep the dog identified in 3 above at Ward (name)..... Plot Number....., House number.....and street name..... This licence expires on the 31st December..... Application for renewal of license shall be made on or before 30th October.....

License fee paid Ksh.....

Licensing officer: NameSignaturedate.....

NOTICE FOR SEIZED DOG

Pursuant to the powers bestowed by section 17(2) of the Nairobi City County Dog Control and Welfare Act, I, the undersigned authorized officer, notify the occupant(s) of the premises detailed below that I have today at.....(*state time*) seized....dog/dogs of identity.....

.....and that I have taken the seized dog/dogs to the dog pound situated at.....

The reason for the seizure is

House Number.....

Plot Number.....

Street Name.....

Authorized officer: Name.....signature.....date.....

FORMAT OF PRELIMINARY REPORT OF INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE TO THE DOG CONTROL AND WELFARE ACT

(to be filled in triplicate)

- 1.0 Date of Inspection.....**
- 2.0 Name of inspecting authorized officer(s).....**
- 3.0 Names of Respondent(s) during inspection.....**
- 4.0 Objective of Inspection.....**
- 5.0 Legal Basis for Inspection.....**
- 6.0 Findings of Inspection**

- 6.1 Identity of dog (name, breed, colour, age, sex, license number, license tag number.....)
- 6.2 Findings on examination for welfare of dog

- Status of integument.....
- Status of digestive system.....
- Status of cardiovascular system.....
- Status of reproductive system.....
- Status of musculoskeletal system.....
- Status of nervous system.....
- Status of respiratory system.....
- Summary of significant findings.....
- Is the dog free of pain, injury, disease and parasites?.....
- Is the dog free of physical and thermal discomfort?.....
- Is the dog free of hunger and thirst?.....
- Is the dog free of fear and distress?.....
- Is the dog free to express normal patterns of behaviour?.....

6.3 Findings on control of dog

- Description of perimeter fence of the property where the dog(s) are kept.....
- Is the perimeter fence dog-proof?.....
- Is the dog controlled in a kennel?.....
- If Yes, description the design of the kennel(s) relative to animal control.....
- Describe the proposed disposal system for dog faeces and other waste that may emanate from dog keeping.....
- What controls are being applied to prevent nuisance from barking, yelping, howling and whining of the dog(s)?.....
- Is the locality of the property where the dog is kept fit for dog keeping?.....

6.4 Findings on legal documents

- Is the dog licensed?.....If, Yes, what is the License Number?.....What is the License Tag Number?.....
- Is the dog controlled in a kennel?.....If, yes, what is the kennel license number?.....
- Is the dog validly vaccinated against rabies?.....If yes, what is the vaccination certificate number and name of vaccinator.....

6.5 Summary of significant findings of inspection.....

7.0 Conclusions from Inspection.....

8.0 Recommendations by Inspector

- 8.1 Recommendations to animal owner.....
- 8.2 Recommendations to licensing officer.....
- 8.3 Recommendations to law enforcement agencies.....

Respondents signature.....date.....

Inspectors signature.....date.....

**Form 7 FORMAT OF CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY DOG CONTROL AND WELFARE ACT
CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION**

Name of dog owner.....

Address.....

Ward.....*Plot number*.....*House number*.....*Street Name*.....

This is to certify that, following an inspection for compliance with the Nairobi City County Dog Control and Welfare Act which was carried out by an authorized officer on, your dog identified with License Tag Number, its kennel and your dwelling place were adjudged compliant with the Act.

Authorized officer: name.....**signature**.....**date**.....

Head of County Veterinary Services: name.....**signature**.....**date**.....

Form 8

APPLICATION FOR KENNEL LICENSE

(To be submitted in duplicate)

PART 1

1. Full Name (*in block letters*).....

2. Postal AddressTel. No.....

3. Address of place where the kennel would be situated including the Ward, plot number, house number and street name:
.....

4. I hereby make application for a licence/renewal of a license (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) for an ordinary kennel/boarding kennel/training/breeding kennel (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) at the premises described in 3 above.

5. I declare the property where the kennel will be situated has a perimeter fence that is able to prevent escape of a dog when it is free outside the kennel.

6. I declare that my kennel would be able to provide good welfare and control for(*state number in words*) dog(s) so that it/they (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) will not be harmful or injurious to human health or cause annoyance to any person or harm to another animal.

Signed.....

PART II

(*To be completed by authorized officer*)

I,, KVB Reg. No....., an authorized officer, certify that I have on 20 inspected the place and zone described in 3 above and the facilities declared in 5 and 6 above and I am satisfied that a dog(s)/ can be kept on the said kennel without infringing on its/their (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) welfare and without being harmful or causing injury or annoyance to any person or harm to another animal. I attach the inspection report and further do not recommend kennel license be issued/ do recommend that an ordinary/boarding/training/breeding kennel license (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) be issued. to.....to keep(*state number in words*) dog(s) on the above described place.

Signed.....

Date.....

Form 9 FORMAT FOR REPORT OF INSPECTION OF KENNEL

(to be completed in triplicate; original to licensing officer, copy to applicant, book copy to be retained by authorized officer)

1.0 Date of Inspection.....

2.0 Name of Inspector(s).....

3.0 Names of Respondent(s) during inspection.....

4.0 Findings of Inspection

4.1 Detailed description of kennel.....
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4.2 Number of dogs proposed for control using the kennel.....

4.3 Is the kennel able to assure welfare of the proposed number of dog(s)? Yes/No.....

4.4 Is the kennel able to assure proper control of the proposed number of dog(s)? Yes/No...

5.0 Conclusions from Inspection.....

6.0 Recommendations by Inspector

6.1 Recommendations to applicant for kennel licence.....
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6.2 Recommendations to licensing officer.....

Respondents signature.....date.....

Inspectors signature.....date.....

Form 10

KENNEL LICENSE

To:

Name

Address

You are hereby issued with a license for an ordinary kennel/boarding kennel/training kennel/breeding kennel (*delete whichever is inapplicable*) for keeping a maximum of..... (*state number in words*) dogs at your property situated at(*state Ward, plot, house and street number*).

This licence expires on the 31st December..... Application for renewal must be made on or before 30th October.....

Licensing officer: NameSignaturedate.....