

To Dog Owners: Please Observe All Regulations, Rules and Manners

- There are regulations, rules and manners you must follow when you have a dog.

Registering your dog

- Dog owners must register their dogs.

You can handle the registration procedures for this at the public health center or a branch office. (A handling fee is required.) You can also complete procedures for a change of address, death of the dog, or change of ownership at these places.

If your dog has been microchipped, you can complete all the procedures above on the Ministry of the Environment website.



Rabies vaccinations

- Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies every year.

After your dog is vaccinated, you must bring the rabies vaccination certificate the veterinarian gives you to a service counter to receive a rabies vaccination tag. You can handle the procedures for this at the public health center or a branch office. (A handling fee is required.)

You must attach the rabies vaccination tag to your dog's collar or the like.

■ Mind your manners and be considerate of others.

Not cleaning up dog feces/urine, letting your dog bark freely, and walking your pet without a leash will cause problems with others.

1. Have your dog poop/pee at home before going for a walk whenever possible.
2. Always clean up after your dog by bringing its poop home.
3. If your dog pees on the street or a power pole, immediately flush the area with water to dilute it.
4. Always use a leash when walking your dog, and keep the leash short for better control.
5. Train your dog so that he/she does not bark frequently or for long periods of time.

Note: Although barking may not bother you, it may disturb the neighbors.

6. If your dog does not stop barking, and/or if you do not know why it is barking, please consult a veterinarian or trainer.



■ If your dog bites someone

If your dog bites someone, you must notify the public health center immediately. You must also have a veterinarian check your dog for rabies.

Note: If you fail to have your dog examined, you may be subject to punishment.

(1) Provide first aid to the victim with sincerity.

Immediately flush the bite with clean water. Wash with soap and then disinfect the area.

Encourage the victim to seek medical treatment.

(2) Calm your dog down and isolate it.

(3) Notify the public health center within twenty-four hours. Also call before visiting.

(4) Have a veterinarian examine your dog within forty-eight hours. During the checkup period, your dog cannot receive any vaccinations.

(5) Take measures to prevent your dog from biting anyone else.

Note: For major incidents, please also report what happened to the police.



■ If your dog goes missing

If your dog goes missing, please contact the public health center and the police having jurisdiction over the area where your dog disappeared. You are responsible for looking for your dog.

Notes:

1. Take steps to ensure that your dog does not escape.
2. Dogs with dog tags and rabies vaccination tags on their collars, and dogs whose microchips are registered on the Ministry of the Environment website, can be identified from their numbers, making it easier to reunite dogs with their owners.

■ If your dog dies

If your dog dies, you are responsible for disposing of its body. The Waste Collection Office will pick up and dispose of dogs weighing less than 25 kilos for a fee.

■ If you are taking your dog overseas or bringing your dog to Japan from overseas

Import quarantine regulations differ from country to country. Consult with the Animal Quarantine Service or your country's embassy.

In addition, you must notify Kita City when taking your dog overseas and the public health center with jurisdiction over your new address when bringing your pet from overseas.

■ Disaster preparation

Pets must live in a separate area at evacuation centers. Please follow the rules of the shelter you are evacuating.

Prepare for disasters on a regular basis. Here are some basic things to do:

- (1) Have disaster preparedness goods on hand for your pets.
- (2) Be sure that your dog is wearing a dog tag, microchip or the like in case he/she gets lost.
- (3) Familiarize your dog with carry bags or cages so you can evacuate quickly.
- (4) Have your dog go through basic obedience training to prevent problems at the shelter.

This will also reduce the stress of evacuation life for your pet.

- (5) Have your dog vaccinated against rabies, and get mixed vaccinations and parasite prevention to prevent infectious diseases.
- (6) Secure a place that will temporarily take care of your dog in case of an emergency.

● Examples of disaster preparedness goods for pets

- (1) Pet food and water (for at least five days)
- (2) Dog bowl
- (3) Pet toiletries (toilet sheets, newspaper, etc.)
- (4) Carrying case, cage, leash, etc.



- (5) Medicine, medicinal food and your dog's health record
- (6) A photo of your pet
- (7) Toys and other items that your dog uses on a regular basis (things with their scent)
- (8) Garbage bags, duct tape, towels

■ Zoonotic diseases

Some diseases can be transmitted from animals to humans. Here are some ways to protect your dog's health:

- (1) Make sure your dog gets his/her rabies vaccination, mixed vaccinations and parasite prevention
- (2) Refrain from excessive/close contact

Examples: Feeding mouth-to-mouth, sleeping in the same bed as your pet, etc.

- (3) Always wash your hands after touching an animal and before eating
- (4) Keep your pet and its area clean
- (5) Clean up excrements as soon as possible and ventilate adequately
- (6) Manage your pet's health, such as getting regular checkups

List of Contacts

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Takinogawa Kita City Branch Office	Tel: 03-3910-0141	1-23-3 Nishigahara
Kita City Waste Collection Office	Tel: 03-3913-3141	
Takinogawa Branch, Kita City Waste Collection Office	Tel: 03-3800-9191	
Animal Quarantine Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Tel: 045-751-5921	
Ministry of Environment “Dog and Cat Microchip Information Registration” website: https://reg.mc.env.go.jp/		

