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# DOG PAGES





Dear Reader,  
Dear Dog Owner of 5<sup>th</sup> district of Budapest,

Dogs have an original ability to link together people. They relate to humans with unconditional trust, love and acceptance, things we all regularly witness even if we do not have a dog of our own. Humans can learn a lot from their dogs such as to enjoy and appreciate the simple things in life, to be content, to live with joy but most of all about friendship, altruism and utmost fidelity.

They say dogs indeed have a natural habitat and that is no other but the human family. This is why people who really love dogs do not just see them as animals or pets but true companions.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> District we are proud of our cohesive community of young and old, families and singles, students and working or retired, and of course of dog owners and their four-legged pets who all call it home.

As Council, our responsibility is to assure the best conditions for all the members of our community so they feel like home in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

We are constantly working on providing all means and improving services required for optimal dog keeping in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

We provide microchips for dogs free of charge, anti rabies vaccination for retired dog owners free of charge, operate dog parks of high standards, place out dog waste bins with environmentally friendly degradable bags along with info signs to promote their usage. We provide education and practical training focusing on responsible dog keeping and organise annual events to help former pound dogs find a new loving home.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> District our common success has always been a result of cooperation and of consideration for one another. In a dog friendly district we rely on dedicated and responsible dog owners who stand up for their little friends' needs but are equally aware of the ones of their fellow citizens' and are devoted to cooperation. Our shared intention of dialogue reinforces the notion of home for all big, small and four-legged here, in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

The signature of Péter Szentgyörgyvölgyi, Mayor of the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Szentgyörgyvölgyi Péter  
mayor of 5<sup>th</sup> district

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The signature of Emese Balogh-Madár, Deputy Mayor.

Balogh-Madár Emese  
deputy mayor

# Doggy Days

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Eversince dogs are dogs, they live their lives along with humans. Through the years of domestication they learnt to coexist flawlessly with their owners. Dogs rested and were awake at the same time with humans and had various common activities all day long. Thanks to their exceptional adapting skills they quickly altered their biorhythm to their human companion's and it was furthermore perfected in the thousands of years gone by.

When living conditions changed for humans, so did life change for dogs. Nowadays modern man is away from home many hours a day, works from the morning and returns in the afternoon or evening hours. Leaving a dog at home for 8-10 hours a day is obviously no neglect. For a well balanced adult dog this is the time to enjoy a rest and to go into a pleasant saving mode



In such cases morning and evening walks become more important to provide enough adventure and be the best part of the day.

These walks should be adjusted to their needs; focus on the dog and the time spent together to provide appropriate mental and physical exercise. You can easily find activities of various kinds and lengths to match the character and energy level of your dog.

# Walking

Normally walks should be much more than just functional potty breaks. Several other activities should be involved.

## 1. Sniffing

Dogs keep themselves updated with the world through smells and acquire information with their nose similar to how we read the news.

## 2. Exercise

All dogs need some form of physical exercise depending on breed, age and character. Generally put, all dogs need mobilising physical activity by playing and running around. On the other hand they also need some less demanding exercise, preferably longer walks to have a chance for sniffing, exploring and getting familiar with the environment.



## 3. Playing

Playing is very important for dogs of all ages. This is the time they are exercised both physically and mentally, when they are the most liberated and happy. You can find numerous ways to play with your dog outside using a ball, a frisbee or a rope. On the other hand, dog playing with dog is the way to learn codes of communication and to socialise with each other.

## 4. Socialisation

Meeting other dogs on a daily basis is another basic need. It is also a must in case you wish to have a well socialised dog. Communication is a continuity be it dogs or humans, and learnt every day from each other and from their owners as well.



## 5. New places

All dog owners have their favourite places and routes they are used to. Nevertheless it is always a good idea to explore new places and different paths as with new experiences can dogs have new stimuli.

## 6. Pottie stuff

There is no walk without a pottie and it is important to assure your dog has the convenient circumstances to meet its needs. We all do short walks just for "potty breaks" and dogs occasionally do accept this, but rather keep such short and urgent walks as few as possible in your everyday.

# Life inside

It is absolutely normal to keep dogs in homes nowadays, moreover city dogs tend to be more fortunate. Without a garden their owners cannot skip to have walks at least twice a day which is unfortunately not provided to many others living in a house with a garden.

If a dog is well exercised and enough time is spent on training and also adequate walks are provided, you can be sure you leave a well balanced and happy dog at home while away for work.

This sounds easy as pie but all dog owners must keep in mind some common agreements if sharing a block of flats with others.



Never let your dog damage or do his thing in the common areas of the building incl. corridor, stairs, lift, yard, storage etc.). In case of small accidents it is always the owner's responsibility to clean the mess.\*



Animals cannot be unattended in the common areas of residential buildings. \*\*



All dogs bark and reacting to people coming and going is a pretty normal thing. Nevertheless neighbours can be annoyed by extensive or restless barking. A well balanced dog will not bark at home just because the owner left him alone. If you happen to face such a problem do not hesitate to consult an expert and ask for advice. Inform your neighbours that your dog is in training and ask for their understanding. Otherwise they will be fully entitled to start possession protection procedures.

\* 14/2020. (III. 13.) Local government decree

4. § (4) The owner of the animal is obliged to immediately eliminate and clean up the dirt caused by the animal in the common areas of apartment buildings.

\*\* 14/2020. (III. 13.) Local government decree

5. § (1) b) It is forbidden to release dogs in the common areas of apartment buildings. It must be kept on a leash not exceeding 1 meter length.

# Life outside

Walking the dog is the most sensitive topic among dog keepers and the others as well. As the number of dogs is rising in Hungary, actually doubling in a couple of years, it is utmost important to adhere to some basic rules in order to keep a peaceful neighbourhood.

When it is about dog walks, there is one thing to keep in mind. Whilst each owner knows his or her dog's behaviour and character, the very same dog is absolutely unknown to everyone else in the street. Therefore **it is better to ask** and agree on the close up meetings before saying things like "*Just tries to sniff you*" "*does not bite*" or "*just wants to play*".

Always ask in advance whether the other dog would also like to play. 90% of conflicts can be avoided by keeping this simple rule in mind.

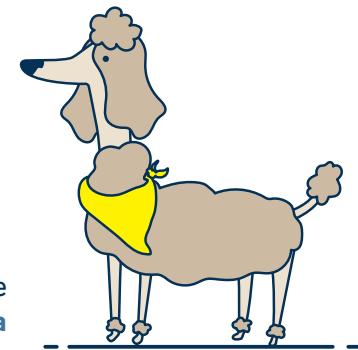
A dog led closely on a leash and interacting with others only with the owners' consent, can cause much less mess than ones that show up out of the blue or pull their owners habitually.



## Special service dogs

### Assistance dogs

It is most important not to let your dog walk up to assistance dogs or therapy dogs at all. These dogs are at work and are responsible for their owner's safety. They are probably well trained but better not risk being distracted. Except of course if meeting in a dog park where these dogs also go for their well-deserved time off.



### Yellow ribbon, yellow kerchief

This international sign is used more and more in Hungary to mark dogs that **need some extra space** and should be approached with caution. Dogs wearing a yellow ribbon are of various kinds. Some have health problems or are in healing, can be females in season, dogs in training, others might wear it because they are insecure or even aggressive with dogs or humans. Keep this in mind, keep distance and please respect their need for extra space.

# Getting around with your dog



There are a few regulations to keep in mind when you are out with your dog. In accordance with Hungarian law, owners should have the dog vaccination certificate at hand at all times when leaving the house with the dog. It is equally sufficient to have it scanned in your phone or in a data cloud.

All dogs are to be microchipped above the age of four months. In addition to microchips the use of a pet ID tag can equally be important.

May your pet get lost or may you find a dog wandering around, it is significantly faster to contact the owner if there is an ID tag to read. Applying a tag can save you not just hours and even days of time but much worries as well.



*If your dog suffers from a special illness or allergy, keep the latest medical records with you in a similar way in order to have all necessary at hand in case of an emergency veterinary care.*

## 1. Walking

In public areas dogs should always be led on a leash. A leash is not as vicious as it may seem. To many, it is just a day-to-day pull on two ends, but it does not necessarily have to be that way. It is worth spending some time and training on learning a released leash walk to make it comfortable for both owner and dog.\*

## 2. Public transportation

Dogs can be transported on a leash, wearing a muzzle and with a full price or seasonal ticket as per the regulations of the Public Transportation Company (BKK) in Budapest.

In case of a smaller dog, you can also use a carrier box of which the size does not exceed hand luggage. In this case there is no need to validate a ticket.

Always keep your dog's safety in mind. Help it with boarding and **always lift your dog** on the escalators. If your dog is too heavy to lift, use the out of service escalators or a lift when available at the station.

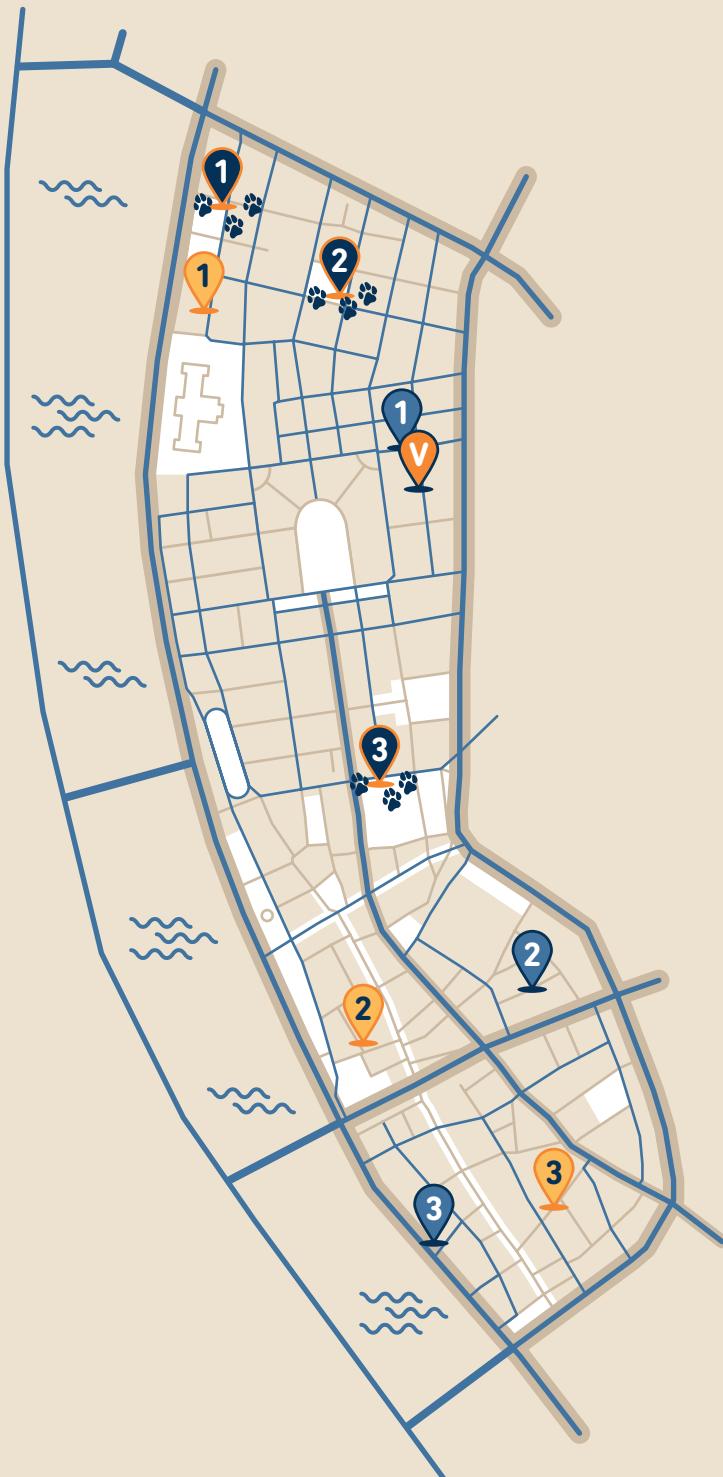
Police service dogs or assistance dogs can be transported free of charge at all times.

## 3. By car

In accordance with the Hungarian Traffic Code a dog is classified as cargo and its secure fastening is the owner's responsibility. For this purpose there are special safety belts available. Belts attached to padded harnesses as well as carrier boxes are the safest method for bigger distances and on the motorway.

\* 41/2010. (II. 26.) Government Decree

17. § (1) In public areas - except for areas designated for dogs - dogs may only be led on a leash. In public areas, dogs may only be led by a person who is able to handle and be in control of the dog.



## List of designated dog parks and walking areas

1

Dog Park of Olimpia Park → 1055 Budapest, Olimpia park

2

Dog Park of Honvéd Square → 1055 Budapest, Honvéd tér

3

Dog Park of Erzsébet Square → 1051 Budapest, Erzsébet tér

## Veterinary offices

1

Centrum Veterinary Office and Pharmacy

1054 Budapest, Báthory utca 17. | [www.petdoc.hu](http://www.petdoc.hu) | +36 1 302 46 76

Vet opening hours: M-F: 9am-12pm, 4pm-7pm | Sat: 9am-11am | Sunday Closed

Pharmacy opening hours: M-F: 9am-12pm, 4pm-6:30pm | Sat: 9am-11am | Sunday Closed

2

Vet-Art Veterinary Office of Vármegye Street

1052 Budapest, Vármegye utca 15. | +36 30 257 88 66, +36 30 463 50 23

Opening hours: M-F: 1:30pm-2:30pm | Weekend Closed

3

Cityvet Inner City Veterinary Office

1056 Budapest, Belgád rakpart 17. | [www.cityvet.hu](http://www.cityvet.hu) | +36 1 267 44 78

Opening hours: M-F: 9am-12pm, 4pm-7pm | Sat: 9am-12pm | Sunday Closed

## Pet accessories store

1

Flandy Pet shop

1055 Budapest, Balassi Bálint utca 2/B.

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 10am-7:30pm | Sat: 9am-2pm | Thur, Sun Closed

2

Hunter és Puppy Angel Hungary

1052 Budapest, Galamb utca 4. | [www.puppyangel.hu](http://www.puppyangel.hu) | [hunterhungary.com](http://hunterhungary.com)

Opening hours: Monday Closed | Tue-Sun: 12pm-9pm

3

Black Cat & White dog – pet food and accessories

1056 Budapest, Szerb utca 13. | [www.b cwd.hu](http://www.bcwd.hu)

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Fri: 10am-6pm | Wed, Thur: 11am-7pm  
Weekend Closed

## Transponder scanner location

V

V.30 Downtown Sports Center

1054 Budapest, Vadász utca 30.

Opening hours: M-F: 6am-10pm | Sat-Sun and holidays: 8am-8pm

# Etiquette

## General etiquette

1. Always clean up your dog's feces.
2. Respect other's property such as walls of buildings, entrances, shop windows, garbage cans, outdoor furniture of restaurants etc.
3. Never leave your dog unattended in the dog park and anywhere else in the street while you are shopping or doing some business.
4. In public areas or parks do not let your dog walk up to other dogs without agreeing on it beforehand. Do not let it approach other dogs, especially dogs of special service or special need (assistance dogs or yellow ribbon dogs). Consider also the elderly and children.
5. Female dogs in the season should be walked in less busy areas.
6. Pits are equally dangerous to dogs and humans so please do not let your dog dig. Fill the hole if already created.
7. Never give food or treats to other dogs without asking their owners.



## Etiquette of the dog park

### BEFORE ENTERING:

1. Say hello to the ones inside. This prevents runaway dogs from escaping and also prevents all the dogs running you over at the moment of entering.
2. Avoid dog parks with ill, unvaccinated or female dogs in the season even if there is no one inside.
3. Enter dog parks always before your dog.
4. When inside, make sure you have securely closed the gate behind you.

### INSIDE:

1. Keep an eye on your dog and if you see behaviour of tension, intervene if necessary.
2. Discuss with the other owners before giving any toys to the dogs.
3. Always watch your dog in the dog park and never leave it unattended.
4. Always pick up the feces of your dog.
5. Whatever you brought with you, take it with you.
6. Never give any food or treats to other dogs without asking their owner's permission.
7. In case any assistance dog enters (blind guide dog) ask if you can help of any sort.
8. Consuming alcoholic beverages or smoking is prohibited in dog parks.
9. Always communicate with others as you yourself would expect. Make other owners' dogs as important as yours.

In a dog park you are responsible not only for your own dog but all the other dogs as well. Please adhere to the rules in order to be able to enjoy the time together.

# Useful advice

## Dog friendly places

It is a delight that we can enter more and more places, more cafés and restaurants with our four-legged friends. In order to help the number of such places grow, please keep some things in mind and follow the etiquette below.

1. Dogs should always be kept on a leash.
2. Do not visit these places with an unsocialised dog.
3. In catering places do not tie the leash to moveable furniture i.e. chairs or tables. This can cause accidents.
4. Never let a visit to these places fully replace a dog walk. If you plan to spend an extensive amount of time in such a place, do it rather after the walk.



## At the time of fireworks or storms

Dog ears are far better than ours and they can hear things that even a perfect human ear would never sense. Furthermore low frequency sounds tend to intimidate dogs and have a terrifying effect on even balanced and calm ones.

At times you are aware of fireworks i.e. national holiday 20th August, the best is to leave your dog at home. Also, if you see a big storm or summer rain coming, take your dog for a walk beforehand and later assure a calm environment at home as much as possible.

If your dog gets scared easily, you can try switching on the TV or some music you usually listen to. This way your dog will be surrounded by familiar and well-known sounds at home.

Only give your dog medicine or any sedative substances after consulting a vet.



# Medical advice

## Vaccinations

Similar to the ones of humans, vaccinations for dogs are to prevent severe and sometimes fatal diseases. There are two kinds of vaccinations you would regularly request for your dog. One is usually integrated (against parvovirus intestinal inflammation, catarrh, infectious hepatitis and leptospirosis) and the other is against rabies (rhabdovirus).

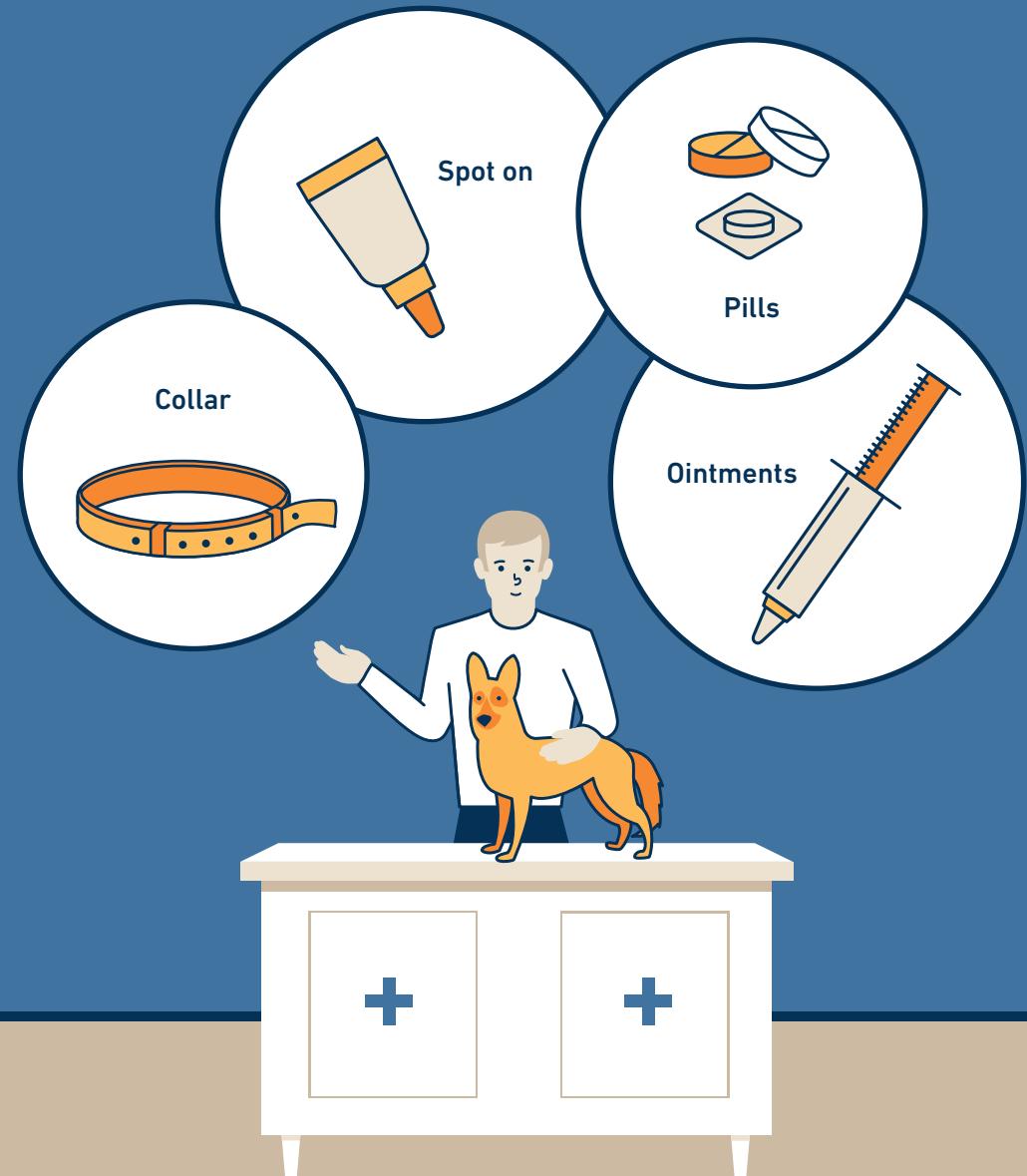
Three other **optional** vaccines are available:

- Coronavirus intestinal inflammation (different from SARS-CoV-2)
- Kennel cough
- Microsporum canis fungus

## Parasites

External parasites such as tick, flea, mosquito, fly, mite, lice and internal parasites (worms) are a constant threat to animals and it is very important to be aware of the means of prevention. Consulting your vet will help you choose the product that is ideal for your dog be it a spot-on droplets, pills, ointments or a collar.

## Recommended methods in parasite protection in veterinary care



## Poisoning

Dogs unfortunately have a special drive to pick up and eat even potentially harmful things in the street. At home always keep away non-dog-friendly and harmful food i.e. chocolate, sugar replacers and chemicals, such as pesticides, medicine and cleaning substances. There are specific trainings offered by dog trainers and dog schools to stop picking in the street and you might consider asking for their services.

In towns mostly it is rodenticides or antifreeze poisoning that occur.

**Symptoms can be various, mostly causing salivation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sudden changes in behaviour, tremors or cramps, loss of appetite and bleeding. It is of utmost importance to seek veterinarian help immediately. In poisoning seconds can be a matter of life and death.**

Consider calling the vet before you arrive. If there is any chance of poisoning, take a sample of food with you using a potty bag, especially if it is some unknown type of substance found in the street.



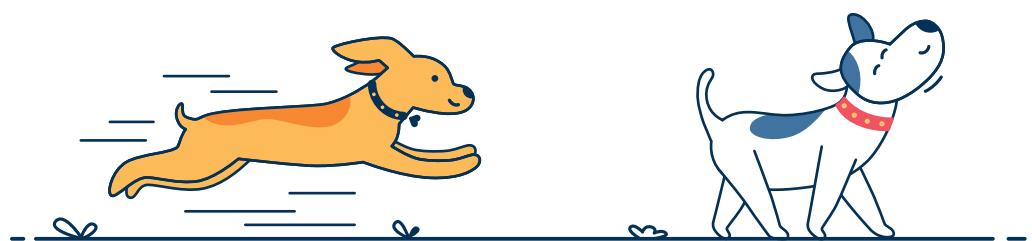
*For full awareness save the telephone number of the closest vet offices and 24h emergency vets in your mobile. Think about applications you can reach even without Internet connection. This will help you save plenty of time in a possible emergency. Ask for these facilities in advance when going for a trip or a holiday, as in a new place it is more likely to lose time in case of a possible emergency.*

## Neutering

In accordance with responsible animal ownership veterinarians recommend neutering animals that are not intended for breeding.

Unfortunately the species-maintaining instinct dominates in all animals at the time of season and all dog owners should pay close attention to this. It is important to note that while a non-neutered female dog is able to conceive normally twice a year, a male dog is fertile all year long and is ready to fulfil its instinct at any time.

Apart from preventing unwanted reproduction, neutering has numerous advantages. You can protect your dog from various diseases and it can definitely make keeping town dogs easier for humans and dogs as well.



## Heat waves

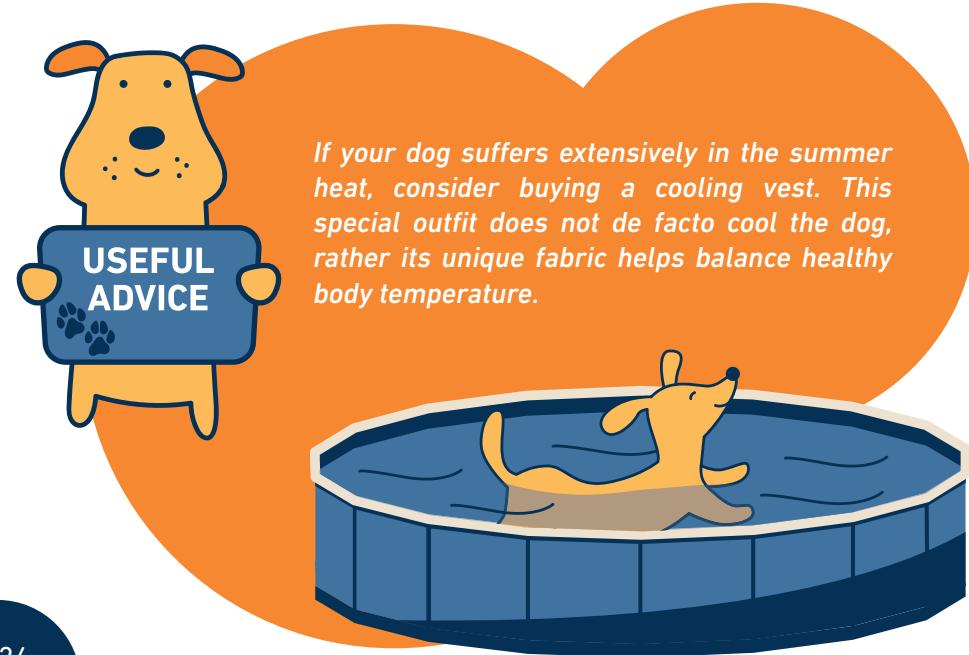
Summer heat can be a lot more stressing to dogs than it is to humans. Always have water with you for your dog in the summer and feel free to wet its chest and head to ease the situation.

Consider walks at less hot times of the day and make it very short in the heat.

Try to avoid places with asphalt or concrete as these areas get overly hot compared to streets with light stone paving.

To avoid heat strokes, do not make your dog stay under the sun for lengthy periods of time, do not leave it alone tied up anywhere, do not stand about for long and never leave it alone in a car.

Dogs of longer fur should not be trimmed at all for the summer. Thermal imagers indicate that fur keeps out heat the same way as it keeps out cold. There can be several degrees difference in body temperature of a dog with long and trimmed fur.



*If your dog suffers extensively in the summer heat, consider buying a cooling vest. This special outfit does not de facto cool the dog, rather its unique fabric helps balance healthy body temperature.*

## Winter

Fortunately in the past years more and more environmentally-friendly ice control cinders are used during the snowy months, but dog paws still tend to suffer in the wet, slushy and constantly cold weather. Their paws' skin is exposed to drying, the skin may crack and wounds occur. You can avoid such problems by drying feet after walks and using preventive paw care products if necessary.



*You may apply paw care ointment before winter walks to repel water or buy dog shoes and special dog socks.*

# General information

## Dog register:

[ebrendelet@belvaros-lipotvaros.hu](mailto:ebrendelet@belvaros-lipotvaros.hu)

## Reporting dog attacks:

dr. Kósa Zita official veterinarian

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## Reporting dog abuse:

dr. Kósa Zita official veterinarian

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## Reporting dead animals:

[info@belvar.hu](mailto:info@belvar.hu) | +36 1 327 74 50

## Reporting problems of dog parks:

[info@belvar.hu](mailto:info@belvar.hu) | +36 1 327 74 50

## Lost and Found pets:

dr. Kósa Zita official veterinarian

+36 30 257 88 66, +36 30 463 50 23, +36 1 210 62 63

## Pet transponder scanner (free):

V.30 Downtown Sports Center | 1054 Budapest, Vadász utca 30.

[info@v30.hu](mailto:info@v30.hu) | +36 70 662 8690

## Key contacts

### Belváros-Lipótvaros Public Area Control:

+36 1 872 75 93

### Belváros-Lipótvaros Városüzemeltető Kft. (City Operations):

[info@belvar.hu](mailto:info@belvar.hu) | +36 1 327 74 50

### Official veterinarian:

dr. Kósa Zita | 1052 Budapest, Vármegye utca 15.

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Balogh-Madar Emese

Deputy Mayor for Social Affairs

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# Dog friendly measures of Municipality of 5<sup>th</sup> district Budapest



- ✓ Marker transponder (microchip) and its registration is provided free of charge to one dog per resident in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
- ✓ For retired dog owners the mandatory annual anti-rabies vaccination is also provided free of charge.
- ✓ Dog parks of high standards are maintained, cleaned and disinfected by biologically degradable and environmentally friendly substances.
- ✓ Pits dug by dogs in parks or dog parks are evened out as well.
- ✓ There are dog waste bins with environmentally friendly degradable bags and info signs to promote their usage.

- ✓ We provide education and practical training focusing on responsible dog keeping and organise annual events to help former pound dogs find a new loving home.
- ✓ We are dedicated to represent the needs of dog owners of 5<sup>th</sup> District in order to establish further dog parks in the neighbourhood.
- ✓ Considering that the Municipality of 5<sup>th</sup> District has no suitable area in its ownership, at the Municipality of Budapest we have initiated setting up dog parks at the Városháza park and the squares of Március 15<sup>th</sup> and Fővám.

# Microchip and vaccination free of charge

## Dog Register

To obtain free microchipping for one dog per owner with a residence card of the 5<sup>th</sup> district and anti-rabies vaccination free of charge for one dog per owner with a retirement card:



### 1. In person without appointment at the official veterinarian in vet office Vet-Art in Vármegye Street:

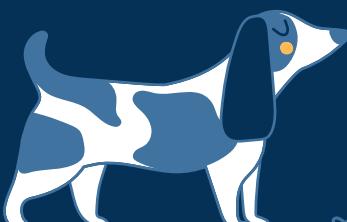
- Weekdays 1:30pm-2:30pm
- Verification of eligibility is required with residence card of the 5<sup>th</sup> district or retirement card for vaccination

dr. Kósa Zita | 1052 Budapest, Vármegye utca 15.  
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### 2. With appointment at the official veterinarian

- weekdays 9am-8pm, weekend 9am-12pm:  
dr. Kósa Zita | +36 30 257 88 66, +36 30 463 50 23, +36 1 210 62 63
- e-mail: ebrendelet@belvaros-lipotvaros.hu
- Verification of eligibility is required with residence card of the 5<sup>th</sup> district or retirement card for vaccination



### Dear Dog Owners and Dog Keepers,

In accordance with the decree on animal protection and welfare 1998 XXVIII. 42/B. municipalities are responsible for registering dogs in their territory **every three years** in order to fulfil their dog-related responsibilities and run the anti-rabies vaccination register. **Next registration is due in 2023.**

These open data are available to anyone. With the registration number of the microchip the dog's name and breed can be retrieved.

#### More information:

Official veterinarian - tel.: +36 1 210 62 63, ebrendelet@belvaros-lipotvaros.hu

#### Registration form:

Registration form available at the official website of 5<sup>th</sup> District of Budapest, at municipal customer service (1051 Bp., Erzsébet tér 5.) during opening hours and at the local vet offices.

#### Registration form to be submitted as follows:

- **By post** to the Dog Registration Office (1052 Budapest, Vármegye u. 15.)
- **In person** at the same place during office hours (Mon-Thu 1:30pm-2:30pm), or at the local Vet offices: Cityvet Inner City Vet Office (1056 Bp., Belgrád rkp. 17.), Centrum Vet Office (1054 Bp., Báthory u. 17.), Vet-Art Vet Office (1052 Bp., Vármegye u. 15.)
- **In email:** ebrendelet@belvaros-lipotvaros.hu
- **Digitally:** Belváros-Lipótvaros Budapest Főváros V. Kerületi Önkormányzat Polgármesteri Hivatal  
KRID ID: 07192326 Short name: BUD05

#### Mandatories for Dog Owners

All dogs are to be microchipped above the age of four months. Yearly anti-rabies vaccination to be performed by a veterinarian. In case a dog owner or dog keeper does not comply with the mandatory data provision and registration, an animal welfare fine may be imposed.

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dr. Sélley Zoltán  
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