

Rangers Department

Restricted Breeds

Owners of certain breeds of dogs are required to abide by the provisions similar to those that apply to dogs declared dangerous.

These measures require the display of warning signs where the dogs are kept, stringent fencing requirements, muzzling and restraint at all times in public places, age restrictions apply for owners and handlers, disposal notification requirements and the requirement that these breed of dogs wear dangerous dog collars.

From March 2006, all restricted breed dogs must be muzzled, leashed and controlled by an adult who is physically capable of handling the dog, in any environment except prescribed enclosures.

Restricted breed dogs are also required to be sterlised unless there are extenuating circumstances relating to the animal's physical condition or medical treatment.

These breeds currently include:

- Dogo Argentino (Argentinean fighting dog)
- Fila Brasileiro (Brazilian fighting dog)
- Japanese Tosa
- American Pit Bull Terrier and Pit Bull Terrier breeds
- Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario
- And any dog of mixed breed that visibly contains any of these breeds.

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