

Animal Laws (Greece)

Translator

- This is a rough [translation](#) of the most relevant PROCEDURAL/ADMINISTRATIVE fines foreseen in the Greek Law 4039/2012 “On animal welfare...”
- These fines can be imposed BOTH by the Greek Police and the local Municipal Police
- ALL the fines’ [money](#) goes to the care of the stray animals living in the Municipality where the incident occurred.
- In cases of severe animal abuse (killing, poisoning, torture etc.) there exist also PENAL penalties (involving time in prison and even higher monetary fines).

We hope this list will be of use to our non-Greek friends fighting alongside us for animal welfare in Greece.

OFFENCE

FINE (in [Euros](#))

Failing to produce to the local municipality a copy of the pet’s Electronic Tag 300

Failing to chip & [register](#) in time a pet or failing to report its loss 300

Failing to cater to the animal’s wellbeing or to cater for its veterinary examination 300

Not owning passport/health certificate in case of travelling 300

Abandoning an animal without following the legally prescribed procedures 300

Not placing the yearly anti-rabies vaccination tag on the animal’s collar or failure to clean up the animal’s excrement 100

Failing to safeguard that a dog causes no harm while out for a walk or a dog causing damage or failing to safeguard that a dog does not exit its owner’s premises. 300

Not possessing an updated passport/health certificate for hunting dogs for every transport of the animal 300

Publishing, on any media, that an animal is up for adoption or sale without mentioning the animal’s Electronic Tag number or the animal welfare group which is putting the animal up for adoption 300

Canvassing that an animal is up for adoption or sale without mentioning the animal’s Electronic Tag number or the animal welfare group which is putting the animal up for adoption 300

Bringing into Greece an animal which is not Electronically tagged 3.000

Removing an animal’s electronic tag by the owner or a vet or any other person 3.000 and [revoking the vet’s permit](#)

Raising, mating or selling animals for profit, without permission 3.000

Failing to tag and register dogs and cats which are raised, mated and sold 1.000 [per animal on sale](#)

Selling a pet younger than 8 weeks 2.000

Sheltering pets which are destined for Raising, mating or selling in inappropriate dwellings, failure to safeguard their well being, their safety and to provide veterinary care 1.000 [for the first animal increasing by 10% for any subsequent animal](#)

Failing to keep updated passports/health documents for pets which are destined for Raising, mating or selling **1.000 for the first animal increasing by 10% for any subsequent animal**

Failure to keep records for every female animal used for reproduction **1.000 for the first animal increasing by 10% for any subsequent animal**

Raising more than two female dogs for reproduction or female dogs giving births more than twice a year
1.000 for the first animal increasing by 10% for any subsequent animal

Organizing an animal exhibition without permission **5.000 per day of the exhibition**

Causing fear or pain to an animal during an exhibition or failing to supervise the animal during the exhibition or failing to use a muzzle or failing to remove an animal which demonstrates aggressive behavior **1.000 per animal**

Untagged and unregistered animals or mutilated animals participating in an exhibition **1.000 per animal**

Not possessing passports/health documents for the animals participating in an exhibition **1.000 for the first animal increasing by 10% for any subsequent animal**

(1) Not keeping the animal's welfare rules, public health rules, pets disturbing the neighbours [noise] (2) Keeping more than two pets in a flat **300 per animal**

Keeping animals in a block of flats' common areas **300 per animal**

Keeping an animal in a circus or troupe as long as this animal is used in any way in the show, gives a performance or marches before an audience **20.000 per animal**

Keeping an animal in an entertainment enterprise as long as it is used in its programme, in any way **10.000 per animal**

Using an animal in a public display for profit **5.000 per animal**

Raising, training and using animals for any kind of animal fights **10.000 per animal**

Raising or using dogs and cats for procuring pelt, skin, meat or for the production of pharmaceutical or other substances **10.000 per animal**

Maltreating, torturing, abusing an animal and any other act of violence, trading or exchanging or circulating through the internet of any audiovisual material depicting such acts as well as the sexual intercourse between animals or between humans and animals with the aim to achieve profit or sexual gratification **30.000 per animal and per incident**

Abandoning an injured animal after a road accident **300**