

Registering your pet dog in Chandigarh is **mandatory**, not just a formality. Under the *Municipal Corporation Chandigarh Pet & Community Dog Bye-Laws* (recently notified), every pet dog above **four months of age** within MC limits must be registered, and owners must follow specific care and safety obligations.

1. Legal basis: Is dog registration compulsory in Chandigarh?

Yes. The draft *Pet & Community Dog Bye-Laws, 2023* (now notified) make registration of pet dogs **compulsory** for all dogs above **4 months of age** within the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.

Key points from the bye-laws and municipal practice:

- Every dog above **4 months** must be registered with MC Chandigarh.
- On registration, MC issues a **metal token** that must be attached to the dog's collar.
- Registration is **valid for the dog's lifetime**, but **renewal is required every 5 years** with updated vaccination proof.
- Unregistered dogs can be **impounded**, and penalties can be imposed on owners under the bye-laws.

The Municipal Corporation is also aligning these rules with **Supreme Court directions** and Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules 2023, so enforcement is becoming stricter over time. ([The Times of India](#))

2. Before you start: Eligibility, documents & vaccines

2.1 Age & eligibility

- Dog must be **older than 4 months** for compulsory registration.
- The rules apply to **all pet dogs** within MC Chandigarh limits, irrespective of breed (subject to any banned breed notifications for new registrations).

Note: New bye-laws ban several “aggressive” breeds for *new ownership*, with exceptions for dogs already registered; always check the latest municipal notifications if you plan to acquire a banned breed.

2.2 Documents typically required

From the bye-laws, MC guidelines, and practice shared by legal/registration portals:

1. **Dog vaccination certificate**
 - Must show **anti-rabies** vaccine (and usually core vaccines like DHPPiL or as prescribed).
 - Must be signed by a **Government or private veterinary practitioner** registered with the **Indian Veterinary Council (IVC) or State Veterinary Council (SVC)**.
2. **Owner's ID proof**
 - Aadhaar is commonly used.
3. **Address proof**
 - Typically your Chandigarh address (often Aadhaar suffices; some forms may ask for more details like house number, sector).
4. **Two recent photographs of the dog**
 - Passport-size or clear photos showing the pet.
5. **Undertaking / declaration**
 - Standard MC undertaking that you'll care for the dog, keep it leashed in public, compensate bite victims if needed, etc.
6. **Your details**
 - Name, mobile number, email, house number, sector, etc.
7. **Dog details**
 - Name, age, sex, breed, colour, identification marks, whether sterilised, etc.

3. Fee structure for dog registration in Chandigarh

According to the draft bye-laws and recent coverage:

- **Standard registration fee:**
 - Around **₹500 per dog** payable to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
- **Renewal fee every 5 years:**
 - About **₹50 per dog**, with updated vaccination records.
- **Third / fourth dog (Indie/Mongrel):**

- If you register a 3rd or 4th dog, and it is an **adopted Indie/mongrel**, concessional fee of **₹50 per dog** is prescribed in the draft bye-laws.

Practical tip: Always confirm the **current official fee** on the MC Chandigarh website,

4. Online method – via “I’m Chandigarh” app (recommended)

The Municipal Corporation has enabled full online registration through the “I’m Chandigarh” app under Chandigarh Smart City Ltd.

Step-by-step: Online registration

1. **Download the app**
 - Search for “**I’m Chandigarh**” on Google Play Store / relevant app store and install it.
2. **Create your account / log in**
 - Sign up using your **mobile number** and verify via OTP.
3. **Find the dog registration module**
 - In the app, navigate to “**Online Permission**” or similar section.
 - Select “**NOC to Keep Pet**” or **pet/dog registration** option (names vary slightly across guides but the flow is similar).
4. **Fill owner details**
 - Your name, house number, sector, mobile, email, etc.
5. **Fill dog details**
 - Dog’s name, age (ensure > 4 months), breed, sex, colour, identification marks, sterilisation status.
6. **Enter vaccination details**
 - Name of your vet, clinic details, and **Veterinary Council registration number** as per bye-laws.
7. **Upload required documents** (scanned/clear photos):
 - Dog’s **clear photograph**
 - **Vaccination certificate** (especially rabies)
 - Your **ID proof** (e.g., Aadhaar)
 - Any other document specified (for example, an undertaking format if built into the app)
8. **Pay the registration fee online**
 - Pay via UPI / debit card / credit card / net banking as enabled.

9. **Submit application & note your token/application number**

- On successful submission, the system generates a **token number** or acknowledgment. Keep it safely for tracking.

10. **Receive your dog's metal token**

- After approval, MC issues a **metal/brass token** with a unique registration number, sent by courier to your registered address or made available for collection as per the current practice.

Once received, **attach this token to your dog's collar** and ensure it is worn at all times, as required under the bye-laws.

5. Offline method – registration through MC Chandigarh office

If you prefer paperwork or face issues with the app, you can register your dog **offline**.

Option A: Download and submit form

1. Visit the **MC Chandigarh / MC Smart website** and download the **Pet Dog Registration Form** (Form as per Schedule-A of the bye-laws).
2. Fill in all owner and dog details carefully.
3. Attach:
 - Two recent **photos of your dog**
 - **Vaccination certificate** (rabies & other prescribed)
 - Copy of your **ID/address proof**
 - Signed **undertaking** as prescribed.
4. Address the application to the **Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Municipal Corporation Chandigarh**, who is the Registration Authority.
5. Pay the **applicable fee** (generally ₹500 per dog for first registrations) at the MC office counter or as per the payment instructions.
6. Submit the complete application at the designated counter in the MOH wing.

Option B: Collect form from MC office

1. Visit the **MOH wing, Municipal Corporation, Sector 17, Chandigarh** and ask for the **pet dog registration form**.
2. Fill and submit it with all documents and fee as outlined above.

After processing, you'll be given or sent the **metal token** for your dog, similar to the online process.

6. After registration: Owner duties, renewals & penalties

6.1 Renewal every 5 years

- Even though the registration is for the dog's **entire lifespan**, the bye-laws require **renewal every five years** with vaccination records and a small renewal fee (around ₹50).
- In case of the dog's **death**, you must inform the Registration Authority so that records can be updated.

6.2 Obligations of dog owners

The bye-laws put several responsibilities on registered dog owners:

- **Vaccination:** Keep your dog protected with anti-rabies and other prescribed vaccines, and be able to show the vaccination certificate during inspections.
- **Leash & muzzle:**
 - Keep dogs **leashed** (usually not longer than ~1.5–2 meters) when outside.
 - **Ferocious or aggressive dogs** must also be **muzzled**, and the escort should know how to control the dog.
- **Token on collar:** The dog must always wear the **collar with the MC token**.
- **Liability for damage:** You must **compensate** any person harmed or whose property is damaged by your dog.
- **Cleanliness:** You must clean up after your dog in public (using a poop scoop or similar).

Failure to comply can lead to:

- **Fines/penalties** for violations (capped at ₹500 per violation under the current legal framework).
- **Impounding** of unregistered or repeatedly stray dogs by the MC.

6.3 Limit on number of dogs per house

The bye-laws also prescribe **maximum number of dogs per house**, depending on plot size (e.g., smaller houses allowed fewer dogs; larger plots allowed more, with a certain

number required to be adopted Indies). If a family exceeds that limit, **unregistered extra dogs can be impounded** and fines imposed.

7. FAQs & tips

1. Is online registration enough, or do I still need to visit the MC office?

For most residents, completing the process via **I'm Chandigarh app** and getting the token by courier is sufficient. In case of technical problems or special cases, MC might ask you to visit the office.

2. Can I use third-party services ?

Yes, these platforms guide you through the process or even handle the application on your behalf. However, they typically charge **service fees on top of the MC license fee**, so the total may be higher.

3. What if my dog is not vaccinated yet?

Get your pet vaccinated first. The MC may not accept registration without a valid vaccination certificate from a registered vet (IVC/SVC).

4. Where can I track rules or updates?

- **MC Chandigarh official site**
- **I'm Chandigarh app**
- Local news updates on dog bye-laws and ABC compliance, which are being revised and reviewed frequently.