

1. Why you must register your dog in Chennai

The **Greater Chennai Corporation** has made pet dog licensing **mandatory** within GCC limits.

- Every pet dog within GCC jurisdiction must have a **Pet Animal License** issued by GCC's Veterinary Department.
- Licensing is linked with **anti-rabies vaccination** and, now, **microchipping**, as part of a push to reduce dog bites and ensure responsible pet ownership.
- GCC has announced **finest up to ₹5,000** for pet owners who fail to obtain a license or don't comply with microchipping and leash rules.

So if you live in Chennai city limits and have a dog at home, **registration is not optional**.

2. Who needs a pet licence?

You must apply for a GCC pet license if:

- You **live within Greater Chennai Corporation limits** and keep a dog as a pet at your residence.
- The dog is **old enough to receive anti-rabies vaccination** (typically around 3 months). Puppies below this age are generally registered only after vaccination.

Important breed-specific rule (as of late 2025)

GCC has **banned Pit Bull and Rottweiler breeds** within city limits:

- No new licenses or renewals will be issued for these breeds.
- A **₹1 lakh penalty** can be imposed for purchasing/bringing these breeds into GCC limits after the ban.

If you already own one of these breeds with an existing license, you must strictly follow leash and muzzle rules when in public, as per GCC's directions.

3. Conditions before you apply

Before starting the registration process, make sure:

1. **Anti-rabies vaccination is done**
 - A valid **anti-rabies vaccination (ARV) certificate** is compulsory for registration and renewal.
2. **Microchipping is done or planned**
 - For the ongoing mandatory licensing drive, GCC is insisting on **microchipping** pet dogs and is offering free microchipping at select GCC veterinary centres and special camps.
3. **Dog is old enough**
 - Puppies under ~3 months are usually not licensed until they are eligible for vaccination.
4. **You reside within GCC limits**
 - Licences are only valid for residents **within GCC jurisdiction**.

4. Documents & information checklist

Keep these ready (for both online and offline applications):

- **Your details**
 - Name
 - Mobile number & email ID
 - Residential address (within GCC limits)
 - Proof of address: Aadhaar card / utility bill / rental agreement, etc.
- **Your dog's details**
 - Name
 - Breed (must not be Pit Bull or Rottweiler for new licences)
 - Age & sex
 - Colour & identifying marks
- **Supporting documents**
 - **Anti-rabies vaccination certificate** (valid and legible scan/photo)
 - **Recent photograph** of your dog (clear, preferably side profile / full body)
 - Microchip number, if already implanted (or get it done at a GCC clinic / camp)

5. Step-by-step: Online registration through GCC portal

The **official method** is via the Greater Chennai Corporation website.

Step 1: Visit the GCC pet licensing portal

1. Go to **chennaicorporation.gov.in**.
2. Navigate to:
 - **Online Services → Pet Licence Registration / Pet Animal Licence**
(wording may vary slightly).

Step 2: Sign up / log in

- On the pet registration portal (TNPMS), create an account with your **email or mobile number** and a password, or log in if you already have one.

Step 3: Fill in the online pet license application

Enter:

- Your name, mobile number, email and address.
- Dog's name, breed, age, colour, sex.
- Vaccination details – especially **ARV date & certificate number**.

Double-check everything; errors can lead to rejection or delays.

Step 4: Upload documents

Upload clear scans/photos of:

- Address proof (Aadhaar / utility bill / rental agreement).
- Dog's recent photograph.
- Anti-rabies vaccination certificate.
- Microchip details if required by the current online form (number and proof, if available).

Ensure files are **clearly readable** – blurry documents are a common reason for rejection.

Step 5: Pay the fee

- GCC's own veterinary section mentions a **licence fee of ₹50** per pet dog.
- The online portal generally accepts **net banking / cards / UPI**.

Save or screenshot the **payment receipt**.

Step 6: Submit & track your application

- After reviewing the form, click **Submit**.
- Your application goes for verification by GCC's Veterinary Department. You may receive **SMS/email updates** on status.

Step 7: Download your license

Once approved:

- You'll get a notification/link to **download your Pet Animal License certificate**.
- Save a PDF and keep a **printed or laminated copy** handy at home and while travelling with your dog.

6. Alternative online channel: WhatsApp registration

GCC has also introduced a **WhatsApp-based service** for pet licensing.

- Send "**Vanakkam**" to GCC's WhatsApp number **94450 61913**.
- The chatbot guides you through:
 - Selecting the **Pet License** service
 - Uploading documents
 - Completing payment and renewal

This method is helpful if the main online portal is slow or facing technical glitches (which has been reported during mass drives).

7. Offline registration at GCC offices / pet clinics

If you prefer in-person help, or face portal errors, you can register **offline**.

Step 1: Locate your nearest GCC office / pet clinic

- Visit the **nearest GCC zonal office** or a **GCC pet clinic** under the Veterinary Department.
- GCC runs pet clinics in different zones (e.g., Nungambakkam, Kannammapet, Meenambakkam, etc.) with timings typically from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Step 2: Collect the application form

- Ask for the **Pet Animal Licence application form** at the office/clinic counter.
- Forms are simple: they ask for your details, dog details, vaccination, etc.

Step 3: Fill in & attach documents

Provide:

- Name, address, contact number.
- Dog's name, breed, age, colour, sex.
- Vaccination details (ARV date & certificate number).
- Attach photocopies of:
 - Address proof
 - Dog's photo
 - ARV certificate

Carry **originals** for verification where needed.

Step 4: Pay the fee & submit

- Pay the licence fee (around **₹50 per dog**) at the counter.
- Submit form + documents + fee.
- Get an **acknowledgement/receipt** – keep it safely.

Step 5: Collect the license

- After processing, you'll either:
 - Be asked to **collect the license** from the same office, or
 - Receive a **digital license** if they process it via the online system.

8. Validity & renewal

- GCC dog licenses are typically **valid for one year** from the date of issue.
- You must **renew annually**, both online and offline options are available.

Renewal process (online)

1. Log in to the **GCC pet licensing portal** with your existing account.
2. Go to **Renew License** / similar option.

3. Upload **updated ARV certificate** and update any changed contact/address details.
4. Pay the **renewal fee** (usually the same nominal amount).

Renewal process (offline)

1. Visit GCC office / pet clinic with:
 - Copy of existing license
 - Latest vaccination records
 - ID/address proof (if changed)
2. Fill a short renewal form, pay the fee and collect the renewed license.

9. Fees & penalties (current position)

Based on GCC documents and recent reporting:

- **Licence fee:** around **₹50 per dog per year**.
- **Fine for not obtaining license / not microchipping:** up to **₹5,000**.
- **Fine for walking dog in public without a leash:** about **₹500 per instance**.
- **Penalty for buying/keeping banned breeds (Pit Bull, Rottweiler) after ban:** **₹1,00,000**.

Exact figures can be updated by GCC, so always re-check the **latest notifications on the GCC website**.