

How to Register Your Pet Dog in Lucknow (Step-by-Step Guide)

If you live in Lucknow and share your home with a dog, getting a **pet licence from the Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC)** isn't optional anymore – it's legally **mandatory**. The licence proves your dog is vaccinated, identified and recorded in the city's database, and it protects you from heavy fines and harassment during enforcement drives.

The good news? LMC has made dog registration **fully online**, with an optional offline route for those who prefer to visit the office.

1. Who Has to Register and Why It Matters

Is registration mandatory?

Yes. **Every pet dog kept within LMC limits must be registered** with the Lucknow Municipal Corporation.

Key reasons to register

- It's a **legal requirement** under LMC's Dog Control By-laws and updated state SOPs for dog ownership in urban areas.
- Helps ensure your dog is **vaccinated against rabies** and medically tracked.
- Makes it easier to **identify and return a lost dog** through the licence number / smart card database.
- Protects you from enforcement drives where the corporation checks licences in parks and public places – fines for non-registration have recently gone up and are actively enforced.

2. Basic Rules You Should Know in Lucknow

Based on the LMC system and recent state-level directions:

- **Maximum 2 dogs per household** may be registered with LMC.
- **Annual licence** – usually valid for one year / till end of the financial year, and must be renewed every year.
- **Vaccination is compulsory** – updated anti-rabies certificate is mandatory both for first registration and for renewal.

- **Certain “dangerous/ferocious” breeds are banned** from being licensed (e.g., Pitbulls, Rottweilers, Dogo Argentino and other breeds listed by the Union animal husbandry department and adopted by UP / LMC). Licence will not be issued for these breeds.
- **Sterilisation requirement** – UP has moved towards mandatory sterilisation of pet dogs for issuing licences, to control population and improve welfare.
- You are expected to **use a leash, mouth guard (for large / aggressive breeds), and carry a poop scooper** while walking your dog in public spaces.

3. Documents Required for Dog Registration in Lucknow

When you apply online, keep the following ready in soft copy:

1. **Owner details**
 - Name, mobile number, email ID
 - Address within LMC limits (house/flat number, locality, ward etc.)
 - Proof of residence (e.g., electricity bill, property tax receipt, rental agreement, Aadhaar with address)
2. **Dog details**
 - Dog’s name, age, sex, breed and colour
 - Number of dogs owned (max 2)
 - Clear **recent photograph** of the dog (often full body, side view is ideal)
3. **Health and legal compliance**
 - **Anti-rabies vaccination certificate** (with date of vaccination and validity)
 - Other vaccination / sterilisation certificate, if required under current rules
 - Sometimes an **undertaking / affidavit** stating you will follow LMC’s Dog Control By-laws (no nuisance, proper restraint, cleaning after the dog etc.).

4. Fees and Penalties

According to LMC’s recent notifications:

- **Licence fee (per year)**
 - **₹200** for **Indian breeds**
 - **₹1,000** for **foreign breeds**
- **Validity** – usually **one year** (often aligned to financial year), so you must **renew annually**.
- **Late renewal penalty**
 - Around **₹50 per day** of delay, in addition to the renewal fee.
- **Non-registration fine**

- LMC can impose fines up to **₹5,000** for keeping an unlicensed dog; in recent drives, officials have imposed fines of ₹20,000–30,000 cumulatively on defaulting owners and even seized dogs temporarily until payment is made.

(Exact amounts can be updated by LMC from time to time, so always check the current fee on the portal at the time of applying.)

5. How to Register Your Dog Online in Lucknow (Step-by-Step)

LMC has enabled online dog registration through its official portals – **lmc.up.nic.in** and **lucknow.upnn.co.in**, both of which route to pet registration services.

Step 1: Visit the LMC Pet Registration Portal

- Open your browser and go to **Lucknow Nagar Nigam / Nagar Nigam Lucknow**:
 - Either search “**Lucknow Nagar Nigam online dog registration**”, or
 - Directly visit **lmc.up.nic.in** or **lucknow.upnn.co.in**, then click on “**Pet Registration**” or “**ऑनलाइन डॉग रजिस्ट्रेशन**”.

Step 2: Create Your User Account

- Click on “**Register Now**” / “**Sign Up**”.
- Enter:
 - Name
 - Mobile number (preferably Aadhaar-linked)
 - Email ID
- You will receive an **OTP on your mobile**. Enter the OTP to verify and create your account. You are automatically logged in after registration.

Step 3: Start a Pet Registration Application

- From the dashboard, choose “**Pet Registration**” → “**New Application**”.
- Fill in your **residence details**:
 - House area (LMC sometimes asks if it is more than a particular size)
 - Exact address (colony, ward, PIN code)
- Confirm the **number of pets** (up to 2 dogs per house).

Step 4: Fill Your Dog's Details

On the dog details page, you will typically be asked for:

- Dog's name
- Breed (Indian / foreign + specific breed)
- Colour and identifying marks
- Sex and age (in months/years)
- Date of **last rabies vaccination** and next due date
- Whether the dog is **sterilised** (attach proof if required)

Upload:

- **Dog's photograph**
- **Anti-rabies vaccination certificate**
- Any other health certificate / sterilisation certificate, if mandated

Step 5: Upload Documents & Submit Undertaking

- Upload **proof of address** (if asked).
- Tick the checkbox / upload a PDF for **owner undertaking** that you:
 - Will not allow the dog to create nuisance or attack people
 - Will use leash / muzzle where necessary
 - Will clean up after your dog in public places
 - Will keep vaccinations updated

These undertakings flow from the UP Urban Development Department's SOP on dog registration.

Step 6: Pay the Licence Fee Online

- Check the fee displayed (₹200 for Indian breeds, ₹1,000 for foreign breeds, unless revised).
- Pay using **UPI, net banking, credit/debit card**, etc.
- If the payment does not show as updated on the LMC site immediately, the corporation itself advises waiting for a few working days and then contacting the office if it still isn't reflected.

Step 7: Physical Verification by LMC

- After online submission, your application is forwarded to the **zonal animal welfare team** for verification.
- Usually, **an inspection team visits your residence** to:
 - Check the dog's condition
 - Verify details (breed, number of dogs, living space, etc.)
- Media reports suggest approvals typically happen within a few days after verification for online applications.

Step 8: Download / Receive Your Dog Licence

- Once approved:
 - You can **download the licence / smart card** from the online portal.

- In some cases, a **physical smart-card-style licence** with a unique ID number is issued, which may be delivered or collected.
- Attach the tag / chip or keep a printout accessible whenever you take your dog to public places.

6. Offline Registration Option

If you are not comfortable with online forms, LMC still allows **offline registration**:

- Visit the **Animal Welfare Department, LMC office, Lalbagh, Lucknow** during working hours.
- Carry:
 - 2 passport-size photos of the dog
 - Anti-rabies vaccination certificate
 - Proof of address
 - ID proof
 - Cash / accepted payment mode for the applicable fee
- Fill the **Pet Registration Application Form** (similar to the online one), submit documents, and pay the fee.
- The inspection and approval process works similarly; you then receive the licence card/number.

7. Renewal of Dog Licence in Lucknow

Because the licence is **valid for only one year**, you must take renewal seriously.

Renewal steps (online)

1. Go to the **LMC portal** and log in using your existing credentials.
2. Click on **“Pet Registration” → “Renew Licence”** (or similar option).
3. Confirm or update:
 - Dog’s details (age, health status)
 - Address, mobile number, email
4. Upload **updated anti-rabies vaccination certificate** (and sterilisation certificate if required).
5. Pay the **renewal fee** online.
6. Download the **renewed licence** or updated smart card.

If you miss the renewal deadline, the system may show **late-fee charges (around ₹50 per day)**, and you may also face fines in enforcement drives.

8. What Happens If You Don't Register?

LMC has clearly shifted towards strict enforcement:

- Regular **inspection drives** are carried out in parks and residential colonies.
- Owners found without valid licences have been fined substantial amounts (e.g., ₹30,000 total in one drive, with dogs even temporarily seized).
- News reports and legal guides indicate fines up to **₹5,000** for non-registration, plus daily late fees for renewals.

In extreme cases, unlicensed dogs out in public without tags or leash can be **picked up by the municipal dog squad**, and owners must pay penalties to get them back.

9. Practical Tips for Hassle-Free Registration

- **Scan documents clearly** – especially vaccination certificates; blurred uploads cause delays.
- Use a **stable internet connection** while making payment.
- Keep a **digital copy** of your dog's licence on your phone for quick access during park checks.
- Set a **calendar reminder 30 days before expiry** so you can renew on time and avoid late fees.
- If the portal glitches or your payment doesn't show, note the **transaction ID** and contact the relevant LMC helpline or visit your **zonal office** after a few working days.

Dog registration in Lucknow is no longer just paperwork – it's tied to **public safety, animal welfare and legal compliance**. The online system has made the process far more convenient: you can apply, upload documents and pay from home, and then wait for the inspection and digital licence.

If you follow the steps above, keep vaccinations and sterilisation up-to-date, and respect basic etiquette (leash, muzzle, cleaning up after your dog), you'll be fully compliant – and you'll also be contributing to a cleaner, safer, more dog-friendly Lucknow.