

Factsheet on dog keeping regulations in Germany

1. The use of any **electrical devices** for disciplinary purposes (electrical fence, anti-bark, collars with remote control) is not allowed.
2. It is not allowed to permanently keep a dog in a **box**; only two hours per day at the most.
3. Basically, a dog has to have the following **floor space** available:

<u>Withers (height in cm)</u>	<u>Minimum Floor Space (in sqm)</u>
up to 50	6
between 50 and 65	8
more than 65	10

Furthermore, half of that mandatory floor space has to be added for each additional dog kept in the same kennel.

4. **Tie-stalls** for dogs younger than 12 months are prohibited.
5. If you keep a dog outdoors you have to ensure that the following is available for the dog:
 - a. A **dog house** made of thermally insulating material that is not detrimental to its health. It has to be set up so that the dog will not hurt itself and can lie down in a dry spot. The dog house has to be big enough so the dog can turn around and lie comfortably and keep the shelter warm with its own body heat, if there is no heating in the shelter.
 - b. Outside of the doghouse: **a spot to lie down** in the shade protected from weather and with thermally insulated floors.
6. At least two times per day your dog has to have at least 2 hours of **contact with its owner/care provider** (e.g. play, walk, dog school).
7. In addition, 2 times per day for 1 hour your dog has to have the chance to **run freely**, if it is kept in a kennel otherwise.
8. If a dog is tie-stalled, it has to be at least 12 months old, completely healthy and not pregnant. The tie has to be
 - a. able to slide freely at a gadget allowing the dog to move within a distance of at least **six meters**
 - b. long enough to grant the dog at least **five meters** room to the side
 - c. attached so that the dog may go to its dog house, lie down and turn around. The dog has to be able to move freely and without risk of injuries.
You may only use wide harnesses or collars that do not incise; do not tighten themselves or may cause injuries.
You may use only ties that are safe from twisting. The tie has to be made of light material and may not cause any injuries.