

§ 1 Fighting Dogs

(1) So-called fighting dogs within the meaning of the law are dogs, which are considered highly aggressive towards people or animals due to dog breed related characteristics or the way they are kept.

(2) The following dogs are considered fighting dogs, both purebred and crossbreed dogs:

- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Bullterrier
- Pit Bull Terrier
- Bullmastiff
- Staffordshire Bullterrier
- Dogo Argentino
- Bordeaux Dogge
- Fila Brasileiro
- Mastin Espanol
- Mastino Napoletano
- Mastiff
- Tosa Inu.

§ 2 Dangerous Dogs

Dogs can be dangerous without belonging to the group of the so-called fighting dogs. Dogs are considered dangerous if they behave in a way that they can be presumed to pose a danger to lives and health of people or animals.

Dogs are considered dangerous, if they

1. snap at persons or other animals,
2. jump on people or animals in an aggressive way,
3. tend to bait or kill deer, cattle or other animals in an uncontrollable way.

§ 3 Obligatory Permission for the Keeping of Fighting Dogs

(1) People willing to keep a fighting dog older than six months must get permission from the local police department, if the federal law does not say something different from that.

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Special Dog Owner Obligations, Leash and Muzzle Requirement

(2) When outside the dog owner's property, fighting dogs and dangerous dogs may only be walked by responsible persons who can guarantee that the dog cannot escape or hurt people or animals.

(4) When outside the dog owner's property, fighting dogs older than six months and dangerous dogs must wear a muzzle which prevents them from biting.

§ 5

Dog Breeding

Breeding and crossbreeding fighting dogs as named in § 1 is prohibited. Fighting dogs must be sterilized.

§ 7

Dogs From Outside

(2) Even if fighting dogs and dangerous dogs stay in Baden-Wuerttemberg temporarily, dog obligations as explained in § 4 are valid. There is also a leash and muzzle requirement for dogs from out of state.