

**The Aizawl Municipal Corporation**  
**PET (Dog and Cat) REGULATIONS**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 371 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation hereby makes the following Regulations for control, registration and management of pet animals (dog and cat) within the area of Aizawl Municipal Corporation, namely:-

**1. Short title and commencement:**

- a) These regulations may be called the Aizawl Municipal Corporation Pet (Dog and Cat) Regulations.
- b) They shall apply to all the areas covered by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC).
- c) They shall come into force on such date as the Aizawl Municipal Corporation may notify by notification in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definitions:** In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

- a) "Act" means The Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007;
- b) "owner" means the owner of a dog and cat and includes any other person in possession or custody of such dog and cat, whether with or without the consent of the owner;
- c) "registration authority" means the Aizawl Municipal Corporation;
- d) "Stray dog/cat" means any dog/cat **without owner** and living outside human homes such as on street, park, road;
- e) "Veterinarian" means a person who holds a degree of a recognized Veterinary College and is registered with the Mizoram State Veterinary Council.
- f) "QR code pet tag" means a digital pet ID tag. Instead of a printed phone number, these tags have a QR code that link to the pet owner's contact details. When someone scans the code, they get the pet owner's contact information.
- g) Words and expressions used but not defined in these regulations but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

**3. Prohibition to keep dogs /cats without registration and vaccination against rabies. –**

- a) No person shall keep a dog/cat over the age of three months without getting it registered from the registration authority using the designated registration form (see Form 1).
- b) Owners must vaccinate their dog/ cat against rabies and provide proof of vaccination at the time of registration.

**4. Issue of a Registration certificate and QR code pet tag**—Every owner of dog/cat shall obtain a registration certificate and QR code pet tag from the registration authority within 2 months of keeping a dog/cat over three months old. The owner of dog/cat must ensure that registered dog/cat wears a collar with an attached QR code pet tag at all times unless the dog/cat is suffering from injury, disease or sickness to the extent that the wearing of a collar would be injurious to the health of the dog/cat.

**5. Fees for registration and vaccination of dog/cat –**

- a) To register a dog or cat, the applicant must pay a fee determined periodically by the Municipal Commissioner. Upon payment to the registration authority, the applicant will receive a receipt, a registration certificate, and a QR code pet tag.
- b) The vaccination against rabies may be got done annually by the owner at the Aizawl Municipal Corporation against payment at such rate as may be fixed from time to time by the Corporation. It can also be got done from State Veterinary Polyclinic Hospital, Dispensaries, private Veterinary Clinics or from any Veterinarian, who will issue a certificate to that effect.

**6. Validity of registration and its renewal** - The registration shall be valid for a period of three years and should be renewed before its validity expires. The fee for renewal shall be the same as for initial registration and remain valid for 3 years.

**7. Change in ownership** – The owner of a dog/cat shall within one month of the event, inform the registration authority, if there is a change of ownership, or change of address or if the dog/cat has been lost or has died.

**8. Designated shelter / Pound** - The Local Council should establish a designated shelter or pound to accommodate and care for captured dogs and cats. This facility will ensure that these animals are provided with proper care and housing until they can be reunited with their owners or adopted into new homes.

**9. Capturing of dog/cat:**

- a) **Unregistered Pets** -Any dog/cat without collar and not wearing a QR code pet tag as specified in regulations 4, shall be deemed unregistered. Such animals, or any dog/cat that has not been registered, if found straying on the street or beyond the enclosure of the house of its owner, are liable to be captured.
- b) **Registered pets**- Registered pets found wandering the streets without supervision are also be subject to capture.
- c) ***Photo of unattended pet – A photograph of a pet found wandering the streets without its owner may be submitted to the relevant Local Council and the pet owner shall be subject to fine as determined by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation.***
- d) ***Appointment of pet handler – The Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall have the authority to appoint pet handlers to safely capture and handle unattended pets found in the streets. These individuals will be responsible***

*for ensuring that animals are handled humanely and transported to designated holding facilities.*

- e) **Claim period for captured pets** – *The owner of the captured pet must claim their pet within two days from the date of capture. Failure to do so within the specified time may result in pet being rehomed or given to a new owner.*
- f) **Handling of Captured Pets**- Upon capture, the pet shall be taken to a designated shelter/pound. The individual in charge of the shelter or pound shall ensure the pet is kept in a secure and appropriate enclosure specifically designated for such purposes.
- g) **Care of Captured Pets** - The individual in charge of the shelter or pound is responsible for providing adequate food and water to the captured pet. Feeding charges and any applicable fines will be determined periodically by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation.
- (h)**Financial Responsibilities** - The costs for feeding and caring for the captured pet, along with any fines imposed, shall be borne by the pet's owner. These charges will be fixed as necessary by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation.
- (i)**Failure to Comply**: If a pet owner refuses to pay the feeding and care charges, they must be reported to the Aizawl Municipal Corporation within one month, and appropriate action shall be taken against them.

**10. Control of Stray Dogs/cats** - With a view to control the population of stray dogs/cats, the Municipal Commissioner or any Municipal Officer or other Municipal employee authorized by him in this behalf shall take necessary steps to have them, as far as practicable, sterilized and immunized with the participation of animal welfare organization, private individuals etc.

#### **11. Dog bite prevention measures:**

a) **Leashing and control**

- All dogs must be leashed in public spaces.
- Leashes must not be longer than 6 feet in length.

b) **Muzzling**

Dogs identified as potentially aggressive breeds must wear a muzzle in public.

c) **Supervision**

The owner should exercise utmost care to prevent dog attacks and bites, especially in the presence of infants, children and unfamiliar individuals.

**12. Penalties in cases of Dog bite/attack:** In the event that a pet dog bites or attacks an individual, the following provisions shall apply to the owner of the dog:

- a) **Financial penalty:** The dog owner shall be subject to a fine as may be fixed by Aizawl Municipal Corporation from time to time.
- b) **Medical Expenses:** The dog owner shall be fully responsible for all medical expenses incurred by the aggrieved party as a result of the dog bite or attack. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Emergency medical treatment
  - ii. Hospitalization costs
  - iii. Follow-up care and rehabilitation
  - iv. *Transportation cost for medical care*
- c) **Failure to Comply:** Failure to pay the imposed fine or medical expenses may result in further legal action (as per rule laid down in BharatiyaNyayaSanhita Section 291- *imprisonment for 6 months or a fine of Rs 5000 or both*), including additional penalties or potential seizure of the dog.

### 13. Animal Welfare and Anti-Cruelty:

- a. **Prohibition of cruelty to animals** - It is unlawful to beat, torture, abandon, neglect, or otherwise harm any pet. Pet owners must provide sufficient food, water, shelter, and medical care.
- b. **Standards of Care** - Pets must be kept in clean, safe, and appropriate environments. Pets must receive adequate and appropriate food and water. Pets must receive necessary health care and timely vaccination to maintain health and well-being.
- c. **Complaints** – The Aizawl Municipal Corporation will address any verbal or written complaints concerning the improper care or cruelty towards dogs and cats.
- d. **Strict prohibition of dog fighting:**
  - i. **Illegality of Dog Fighting:** In accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960, the organization, participation in, or promotion of dog fighting is strictly prohibited and deemed illegal.
  - ii. **Penalties for Involvement:** Individuals found to be involved in dog fighting activities shall be subject to severe penalties, including substantial fines and imprisonment in accordance with section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 (*first offence fine upto Rs 50, Subsequent offence within three years fine between Rs 25 to 100 or imprisonment upto 3 months or both*) and *BharatiyaNyayaSanhita Section 325 (imprisonment upto 5 years or fine or both)*.
  - iii. **Confiscation and Rehabilitation of Dogs:** Dogs that are found to be involved in dog fighting shall be confiscated. Efforts shall be made to

rehabilitate and rehome these animals to ensure their welfare and prevent further abuse. The pet owner shall be solely responsible for all cost incurred in the treatment of injuries sustained by their dog as a result of dog fight.

#### **14. Nuisance and Complaints:**

- a) Pet owners must prevent their dogs and cats from causing nuisances such as barking, fouling public spaces as well as surrounding or neighbouring properties.
- b) Complaints from residents shall be addressed by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation and concerned Local council.
- c) ***Repeat offenders shall be liable to fine of Rs. 2000 in accordance with Section 175 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act 2007.***

**15. Dangerous breed of dog:** Regarding the import, breeding and selling of twenty four dog breeds (*identified by the Expert Committee constituted by the Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying*), the Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall fully comply with the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying notification.

#### **16. Pet Cemetery:**

- a) In case of the death of dogs and cats, the carcass should be disposed of in accordance with the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007 Section 329 or it may be buried in the Pet Cemetery run by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation or any privately established pet cemetery.
- b) Any person wishes to establish pet cemetery must apply for license using Form 3 from the Aizawl Municipal Corporation. The license shall valid for a period of ***two years***.
- c) License fee and burial fee may be fixed by Aizawl Municipal Corporation from time to time.

#### **17. Prohibition of slaughtering, sale and consuming dog meat:**

- a) ***Dogs do not fall under the category of food intended for human consumption as per the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act 2006 and Regulations 2011. Consequently, the slaughtering and consumption of dog meat is explicitly prohibited, reflecting a commitment to animal welfare and public health standards.***
- b) ***Any person found violating this regulation shall be punishable under section 325 of the BharatiyaNyayaSanhita 2023 (imprisonment upto 5 years or fine or both) and section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 and any other such provisions of law as may be applicable.***

## **18. Breeding and Sale of dog:**

- a) All breeders must obtain a valid license from the concern State Government Department.
- b) Breeders and sellers must register their business with the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC).

## **19. Private Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics:**

- a) Any person wishing to open Veterinary hospitals and clinics must apply for a license from the concern State Government Department. The owners of such hospitals and clinics must adhere to the rules laid down in the Mizoram Licensing and Regulation of Private Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics Rules, 2022.
- b) ***Owner of Veterinary Hospitals and clinic must register their business with the Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC).***

## **20. Hostel/Boarding for dogs and cats:**

- a) Any individual interested in establishing a dog and cat hostel/boarding facility must apply for a license using Form 5 from Aizawl Municipal Corporation. The license shall valid for a period of ***two years***.
- b) The owner of such a hostel/boarding should provide adequate and appropriate food and water. Additionally, the owner must ensure that pets receive the necessary veterinary care to maintain their health and well-being.
- c) The Aizawl Municipal Corporation will address any verbal or written complaints concerning the improper care or cruelty towards dogs and cats.
- d) Repeated offenders shall be liable to fines as determined by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation from time to time. Additionally, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall have the authority to close such undertakings.

**21. Matters not contained in regulations:** In case of any requirements not covered by the existing provisions of the regulations, the Aizawl Municipal Corporation may issue Notifications/Circulars on such matters from time to time.

**22. Removal Of doubts:** If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of these regulations, the decision of Aizawl Municipal Corporation shall be final and binding.

## Form 1



### Aizawl Municipal Corporation Pet Animal Registration/Renewal/Change in ownership or Address Form

#### 1) Registration details:

##### a) Type of Registration

- ☐ New Registration      ☐ Change in ownership/address
- ☐ Renewal

b) Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2) Owner Information:

Full Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Phone Number	

#### 3) Pet Information:

Pet Name	
Species (Dog, Cat)	
Breed	
Colour/Marking	
Date of Birth	
Gender	Male:
	Female:
Vaccination Record	(attached copies)
Rabies	Yes:                      No:                      (tick)
Distemper	Yes:                      No:                      (tick)
Other (Please specify)	

**4) Owner Declaration:** I, the undersigned, declare that the information provided in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may result in penalties or the revocation of my pet's registration.



**Signature:**  
**Date:**

**FORM 2**



**Aizawl Municipal Corporation**  
**PET REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

Registration No: AMC/PET-01/0001/2024

Validity : \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Details:**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No : \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Details:**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Species : \_\_\_\_\_

Breed : \_\_\_\_\_

Colour : \_\_\_\_\_

Gender : \_\_\_\_\_

**Vaccination Record:**

Vaccine Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date Administered : \_\_\_\_\_

Valid till : \_\_\_\_\_

Administered By : \_\_\_\_\_

*The pet owner details have been verified as per the documents submitted and found in order. This certificate is issued for the purpose of record keeping and identification under the Aizawl Municipal Corporation Pet(Dog & Cat) Regulations.*

Date

Signature of the authorized officer  
Name  
Designation

Important notes:

- 1) This certificate must be presented when requested by AMC authorities.
- 2) Owner must vaccinate their Dog/Cat annually against Rabies.
- 3) The registration shall valid for a period of three years and renewal must be done before expiry with updated vaccination records.
- 4) The owner of dog/cat must ensure that registered dog/cat wears a collar with an attached QR code pet tag at all times.
- 5) Any transfer of ownership or change in address must be reported to AMC within one month.
- 6) The Aizawl Municipal Corporation will address any verbal or written complaints concerning the improper care or cruelty towards dogs and cats.

### Form 3



#### Aizawl Municipal Corporation Pet Cemetery Application/Renewal Form

##### 1) Type of Application

☐ New Application    ☐ Renewal

##### 2) Applicant Information:

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Phone Number	

##### 3) Pet Cemetery Information:

Proposed Name of Pet Cemetery	
Proposed Location of Pet Cemetery	
Size of Proposed Site (in meter or feet)	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
7 days a week	
Monday - Friday (Hours: _____)	
Other (Please Specify)	

##### 4) Type of Applicant:

☐ Individual  
☐ Business/Organization

##### 5) Proximity to Water Sources:

The cemetery must be a safe distance from water sources (rivers, lakes, wells) to prevent contamination. Confirm the distance between the proposed site and any significant water sources-

##### 6) Declaration:

I hereby declare that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with the regulations and guidelines set forth by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation. I understand that any violation of these regulations may result in the revocation of the license and legal action.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Form 4



### Aizawl Municipal Corporation

#### PET CEMETERY LICENSE

LICENSE No: AMC/CEMETERY-01/01/2024

Date of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that:

Name of Owner : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pet Cemetery : \_\_\_\_\_

Location : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No : \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of operation : \_\_\_\_\_

***This license is valid for one year from the date of issue and must be renewed annually.***

Signature of the authorized officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name :

Designation

## Form 5



### Aizawl Municipal Corporation Pet Hostel/Boarding Application/Renewal Form

#### 1) Type of Application

☐ New Application    ☐ Renewal

#### 2) Applicant Information:

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Phone Number	

#### 2) Business Details:

Proposed Name of PetHostel/boarding	
Proposed Location	
Total area	
<b>Description of Service Offered</b>	
Boarding Service	
Grooming Service	
Layout design	Attached Drawings and plan
Veterinary Involvement	Name : Contact:
Waste Management Plan	Attached Details

#### 3) Type of Applicant:

☐ Individual  
☐ Business/Organization

**Declaration:**I hereby declare that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with the regulations and guidelines set forth by the Aizawl Municipal Corporation. I understand that any violation of these regulations may result in the revocation of the license and legal action.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form 6**



**Aizawl Municipal Corporation**  
**PET HOSTEL/BOARDING LICENSE**

**License No.**

**AMC/Pet-Hostel/ Boarding /01/2024**

**Name of Hostel/Boarding:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Owner** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of issue** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of the authorized officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** :

**Designation**

**TERMS**

1. This license is valid for one year from the date of issue and must be renewed annually.
2. Renewal must be done before expiry of license.

<b><u>AND</u></b> <b><u>CONDITIONS</u></b>	3. The owner must ensure that pets receives the highest level of care to safeguard its health and overall well-being.
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