




Category 1 Dogs (“attack dogs”)

Not registered in a “livre des origines” (i.e., without a pedigree)

It is prohibited to introduce these dog breeds into France

<p>Dogs of the American Staffordshire Terrier type (pit-bull)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Small-sized mastiff, with a thoracic perimeter between 60 and 80 cm (24 – 32 in).- Weight: 18 – 40 kg. Height at the withers: 35 to 50 cm.- Strong musculature, short hair (colour varies) and powerful constitution. Robust chest and forelegs with relatively lighter hind legs.- Stop¹ just slightly marked. Muzzle the same length as the skull, but narrower and pointy (the nose is farther forward than the chin).- Strong jaws with muscular and pronounced cheeks.
<p>Dogs of the Boerboel type (mastiff)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Short-haired mastiff. The coat is generally brown or tawny. Big, long, muscular body with a thoracic perimeter over 80 cm.- Height at the withers: 50 to 70 cm. Weight over 40 kg.- Wide head with a wide skull and a short muzzle with loose, hanging lips.- Wide neck with a dewlap.- Robust, cylinder-shaped body.- Belly nearly the same depth as chest (not drawn-up).
<p>Dogs of the Tosa type</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Short-haired mastiff. Tawny, brindle or black coat. Big and robust body with a thoracic perimeter over 80 cm.- Height at the withers: 60 to 65 cm. Weight over 40 kg.- Wide skull with a distinct stop and a medium-length muzzle. Strong jaws.- Muscular neck with a dewlap.- Broad and large chest with a drawn-up belly.- Tail thick at the root.




If in doubt whether a dog could be considered to belong to any of the two categories of dangerous breeds (category 1 above or category 2 on the next page), the owner of the animal must present **a detailed statement from a vet, in French², certifying that the animal does not display the defining features of these categories and therefore does not belong to any of them.** The accuracy of this statement may be double-checked by a French vet.
If the owner does not present a statement, or if the statement is inaccurate, and the dog is found to belong to one of these categories by French authorities, the owner is liable to a heavy fine and the dog may also be seized. Owners of dogs that look similar to the breeds included in categories 1 and 2 are therefore advised to be cautious when bringing their dogs to France.

¹ Space between the eyes of the dog, where the muzzle begins.

² Original text says “compréhensible par les autorités françaises ».

Category 2 Dogs (“defence and guard dogs”)

Strict conditions apply for the introduction AND ownership of these dog breeds in France

<p>American Staffordshire Terrier (pit-bull)</p> <p><u>Pedigree dogs only</u></p> 	<p>Conditions for introduction: The dog must...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. be registered in a French “livre des origines” - or any other studbook recognised by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) - and have the documents to prove it. This does not apply to Rottweiler or Rottweiler-type dogs.2. be properly identified (with a tattoo or microchip), have an EU pet passport and a valid rabies vaccination. <p>Conditions for ownership: The owner must...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. comply with the following requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- be of 18 years of age at least- not be under guardianship (unless the judge authorizes ownership of the dog)- not have been condemned to a prison sentence for a crime included in the Bulletin 2 du Casier Judiciaire (<u>or equivalent criminal record clearance for foreign nationals</u>)
<p>Tosa</p> <p><u>Pedigree dogs only</u></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. hold an “Attestation d’aptitude”, which can only be delivered by a French instructor after a minimum of 7 hours of training.5. prove that the dog has undergone a behavioural assessment, which can only be carried out by a French vet authorized by the Prefecture.6. subscribe a specific third-party insurance policy for any damage the dog might cause in France.7. <u>keep the dog on a lead and muzzle it</u> at all times when in public
<p>Rottweiler</p> <p>(Pedigree or not)</p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. obtain an ownership permit (Law dated 20.06.2008) from the local authority by showing his/her ID card, as well as the following documents for the dog:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ID registration card- EU pet passport with rabies vaccination record- third-party insurance policy- behavioural assessment certificate- attestation d’aptitude9. register the dog with the National Canine Registry <u>after 3 months</u>. <p style="text-align: center;">These conditions make it difficult for foreign nationals to bring their dogs with them on short-term visits.</p>

