

Pets

If you have pets at home, there are rules you have to follow. Some pets cannot be kept in an apartment. Dog owners must pay a dog tax.

Keeping pets

In rented apartments tenants may have small pets such as guinea pigs, hamsters, canaries or fish.

On the other hand, landlords may prohibit keeping larger animals such as cats or dogs in the lease agreement. The owner may also prohibit noisy or dangerous animals.

Before getting a pet, you must ask the owner of the apartment for permission.

Pet owners must comply with the federal laws on the protection of animals. For example, for some species you cannot keep an animal alone (e.g. rabbits) or you need fairly large cages.

Some animals (exotic animals) are not allowed to enter Switzerland. Other animals require special authorisation from the Service de la consommation et des affaires vétérinaires - SCAV (Department of Consumer and Veterinary Affairs).

Dogs

There are special rules for dogs in the canton of Jura:

- All dogs must have a microchip under the skin. They must also be registered. Owners receive an ID card for their dog.

Please note that this card is not the pet passport used when travelling abroad.

- Dogs must be registered in the municipality of residence. You have to pay a tax every year.
- Dog owners must collect their pet's mess.

Otherwise, they may be fined.

- It is advisable to attend training courses for dogs.
- Special permission is required to keep certain breeds, such as Pitbulls or Rottweilers.

Your veterinarian will be able to assist with any questions you may have.

Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

www.bonjour-jura.ch/en/good-to-know/pets