

PET SOCIETY

## Let the dogs out and you're fined

Veterinary Services launches awareness drive on animal care laws

*Staff Report*

Dubai Pet owners taking their dogs to parks, beaches, entertainment venues and shopping malls and prohibited places will be fined Dh200, and in case of repetition, the dog will be seized and the owner will have to pay Dh500 as fine.

The Veterinary Services Section of Dubai Municipality is spreading its awareness campaign on laws related to pet owners to all areas of Dubai. The section had started the campaign in May 2009 and will continue until the end of December this year. Hashem Al Awadi, Head of Veterinary Services Section, said that the

goal of the campaign is to educate pet owners on the local laws as they must register and vaccinate animals against common diseases, should purchase animals or birds only from places certified by Dubai Municipality and carry health certificates, vaccination records and a CITES certificate if the animals were among the endangered species.

The Veterinary Services Section has issued laws and regulations for dog owners on the registration and immunisation of their animals, as the dog owner is responsible first and foremost for the actions of his animal during the time it is tamed and taken up for stay

at home, and if it was given to another person, the new owner bears all the legal consequences with the need to commit to using the appropriate neck belt, masks, and who does not abide the rules is going to be fined Dh200, and in case of repetition the fine will become Dh400. He also noted that the first phase of the campaign was in Jumeirah and the response of pet powers was good.

### Have your say

Do you own a pet? Do you let them go outside the house? What do you think of this law? Tell us at

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