



**Ear-cropping of Dogs Regulations 2023 S.I. No. 412 of 2023**

**Criteria for charities to be listed for sale or supply of dogs with cropped ears  
after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

Charities listed **as of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

1. DSPCA
2. ISPCA
3. Dogs Trust
4. Wexford SPCA
5. Waterford ISPCA
6. Roscommon SPCA CLG
7. Last Hope Animal Charity
8. Clare Animal Welfare
9. The Cat and Dog Protection Association (CDPA)
10. Dogs in Distress
11. Cavan SPCA

To be eligible to sell/supply dogs with cropped ears, additional charities wishing to be **listed after November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**, must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Charity is **registered with the Charities Regulator**.
2. Charity has been **in operation for at least two years**.
3. Charity has **received DAFM animal welfare grant funding** each of the preceding two years.
4. Charity to maintain a **record of dogs with cropped ears re-homed by the charity**.

To include the following details:

- Dog microchip number.
  - If ear(s) cropped on admission to charity.
  - If, for veterinary reasons, ear/s cropped when under care of charity.
  - Name and contact details of new owner/foster carer.
  - Date of re-homing.
  - Dog licence number.
5. Charity must complete and sign **Record Form for listed charities selling or supplying a dog with cropped ears**. [Link: Record Form for Charities](#) Owner/foster carer to also sign completed form. Completed form to be given to owner/foster carer to retain while the dog is in their care.



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6. Each charity wishing to apply for listing should contact: [welfarelicensing@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:welfarelicensing@agriculture.gov.ie)
7. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will publish a list of charities approved to sell/supply dogs with cropped ears.