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Unlicensed dogs bring stiff fines in Singapore

SINGAPORE (Reuter) Singapore, well known for fines for littering, spitting or forgetting to flush toilets, has fined more than 1,000 people this year for keeping dogs without a license, a government official said Saturday.

Those who own dogs without a license face a fine of up to \$310, if the pets are more than 3 months old.

"Strict animal quarantine procedures for dogs and stray dog control have kept Singapore free of rabies, despite the fact that the disease is present in neighboring countries," a Primary Production Department spokesman said.

Stray dogs are shot to death if their owners do not claim them within a week.

The department makes door-to-door checks for valid dog licenses, he said.