

## CHAPTER 257.

## DOGS.

## AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS.

*Ordinances*  
No. 14 of 1918,  
,, 28 of 1922.

[13th June, 1918.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Dogs Ordinance. Short title.
2. In this Ordinance—
  - “Constable” includes any member of the Constabulary Force; Interpretation.
  - “Inspector” includes the Inspector-General, any Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Constabulary, and all Sergeants of Constabulary in charge of towns or districts outside the City of Port-of-Spain and the Boroughs of San Fernando and Arima;
  - “Owner” includes the head of a family occupying any house or premises in which a dog is kept or permitted to live or remain; and in case there are more occupiers than one in any house or premises let in separate apartments or lodgings or otherwise, the occupier of that particular part of the premises in which such dog shall have been kept or permitted to live or remain shall be deemed to be the owner of such dog;
  - “Port-of-Spain” means the City of Port-of-Spain as defined by the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, together with any extension thereof under the power conferred by section 6 of that Ordinance. Cap. 224.

*Licensing of Dogs.*

3. (1) No person shall keep a dog above the age of three months unless such person shall, for each dog which he may have or keep, obtain a yearly licence— Licence.
  - (a) in Port-of-Spain, from the Inspector-General;

- (b) in the Borough of San Fernando, from the Warden of the County of Victoria;
- (c) in the Borough of Arima, from the Warden of the County of St. George; and
- (d) in any other part of the Colony, from the Warden of the district;

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for which licence shall be paid the sum of twelve shillings and six pence in the City of Port-of-Spain and the Boroughs of San Fernando and Arima, the sum of eight shillings and four pence in Princes Town, St. Joseph and Tunapuna, Couva, Sangre Grande, and Scarborough, as defined respectively for the purposes of the Streets and Buildings Ordinance, and the sum of four shillings and two pence in any other part of the Colony.

(2) Every such licence shall expire on the next succeeding thirty-first day of December.

(3) All moneys received in respect of licences granted under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury. (*Substituted by 28 of 1922, s. 2.*)

Keeping  
unlicensed  
dog.

4. Any person who keeps any dog without having a licence in force shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five shillings and not more than one pound. The amount of any penalty recovered under this section shall be paid as to one moiety thereof to the informer and as to the other moiety into the Treasury.

Labels or  
badges.

5. (1) With every licence granted under this Ordinance there shall be issued free of charge and delivered to the licensee or his agent a metal label or other badge in such form as may from time to time be ordered by the Inspector-General.

(2) The Inspector-General may, on its being made to appear to his satisfaction that the metal label or badge delivered to a licensee under this section has been lost or destroyed, issue a duplicate label or badge to such licensee.

Power to  
destroy.

6. (1) Every dog found in or upon any place, other than private premises, without having the proper label or badge secured to a collar or otherwise round his neck, may be destroyed by any constable or person authorized in writing by any Inspector, in such manner and by such means as may from time to time be ordered by the Inspector-General.

(2) The owner of any such dog shall be liable for a first offence to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings, and

for a second and every subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding one pound.

7. If any person counterfeits any prescribed label or badge, or if upon any dog there shall be found any false or counterfeit label or badge, such person, or the owner of such dog, as the case may be, shall be liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding three months.

Counterfeiting label or badge.

8. Sections 5, 6, and 7 of this Ordinance shall not be in force except during such time as the Governor in Executive Council may from time to time by proclamation direct. (a)

Suspension of clauses relating to badges.

#### *Muzzling of Dogs.*

9. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council, by proclamation, to direct that all dogs being in or upon any place, other than private premises, shall be muzzled.

Muzzling proclamation.

(2) Such proclamation may relate either to the whole Colony or to any part or parts thereof therein named.

10. Any person who, in a district in which a proclamation under the last preceding section is in operation, permits any dog to go at large without being muzzled in the prescribed manner, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding one month.

Penalty for permitting unmuzzled dog to be at large.

11. Any dog found in or upon any place, other than private premises, without being muzzled in the prescribed manner, may be destroyed by any constable or person authorized in writing by any Inspector, in such manner and by such means as may from time to time be prescribed, after being kept for not less than three days in a prescribed place of detention, unless in the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon or an Inspector it be in such condition that it ought to be destroyed forthwith.

Unmuzzled dogs may be destroyed.

12. (1) Where the owner of any dog found at large without being muzzled as aforesaid claims such dog, such dog shall, unless it has been destroyed as hereinbefore provided, be restored to the owner upon payment by him of the costs and expenses attendant on the detention and delivery

Where owner claims unmuzzled dog.

(a) Sections in force as from 24th April, 1919. (Proclamation No. 25 of 1919.)

of such dog to its owner, together with the further sum of ten shillings by way of penalty.

(2) If the owner shall refuse or neglect to pay such costs, expenses, and penalty, such dog may be destroyed forthwith.

*Importation of Dogs.*

Prohibition of importation.

13. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council, by proclamation, to prohibit the importation of dogs into the Colony during the continuance of such proclamation from any specified country or part of such country either altogether or subject to regulations made under this Ordinance.

(2) Any such proclamation may be varied, amended, or revoked by the Governor in Executive Council.

Penalty.

14. The master of any vessel from which any dog is landed in contravention of any proclamation under the last preceding section, and any person landing or assisting or allowing any such dog to be so landed, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding six months.

*General.*

Dangerous dogs.

15. (1) Any Magistrate may take cognizance of a complaint that any dog in respect of which a licence is granted is dangerous to person or property and not kept under proper control, and, if it appears to such Magistrate that such dog is dangerous, such Magistrate may make order in a summary way directing the dog to be kept by the owner under proper control, or he may order it to be destroyed.

(2) Any person failing to comply with such order shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one pound for every day during which he fails to comply therewith.

Permitting dangerous or rabid dogs to go at large.

16. Any person who, being the owner thereof, suffers or permits—

(1) any dangerous or ferocious dog to go at large without being properly muzzled; or

(2) any dog which is in a rabid state to go at large, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding one month.

17. Any person who assaults or obstructs, or aids or abets any other person in assaulting or obstructing, any constable or other person authorized as aforesaid in the execution of his duty, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Assault or  
obstruction.

18. (1) The Governor in Executive Council may make regulations providing for:—

Power to  
make  
regulations.

- (a) The placing restrictions on dogs during such periods as he may think expedient;
- (b) The muzzling of dogs;
- (c) The conditions under which dogs may be landed in the Colony;
- (d) The detention of dogs in prescribed places, and the length of the period of such detention;
- (e) The manner of conveying dogs to such places, and the charges to be made for such conveyance;
- (f) The amount to be paid for the keep of dogs and for any medicines supplied for their use during detention;
- (g) The manner and conditions of removing dogs from places of detention;
- (h) The proper supervision of places of detention, and the appointment of persons to see that the provisions of this Ordinance are carried into effect therein;
- (i) The manner in which dogs are to be kept in places of detention;
- (j) The conditions under which dogs confined in places of detention may be killed; and
- (k) As to all other matters and things whatsoever, including the payment of the expenses which may be deemed necessary for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Ordinance,

and may attach to the breach of any such regulation a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, or imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding one month.

(2) All regulations made under this Ordinance shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Recovery of  
penalties.

19. All penalties, costs, and expenses under this Ordinance or under any regulations made thereunder may be recovered on summary conviction before a Magistrate.