

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 14.—1918.

No. 28.—1922. *for increase in
Fees.*

I ASSENT.

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S. W. KNAGGS,
Governor's Deputy.

13th June, 1918.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Dogs.

[13th June, 1918.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Dogs Ordinance, 1918.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance, the term:—

“City of Port-of-Spain” means the City of Port-of-Spain as defined by the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, 1914, together with any extension thereof under the power conferred by Section 7 of that Ordinance;

“Inspector” includes the Inspector-General of Constabulary, 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;

“Constable” includes any member of the Constabulary Force ;

“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 ;

“Prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made under this Ordinance.

Licensing of Dogs.

3.—(1.) No person shall keep a dog above the age of ^{License.} three months unless such person shall for each dog which he may have or keep obtain a yearly license—

- (a.) In the City of Port-of-Spain, from the Inspector-General of Constabulary ;
- (b.) In the Borough of San Fernando, from the Warden of ~~Naparima~~ *the County of Victoria*
- (c.) In the Borough of Arima, from the Warden of ~~Arima~~ *the County of Arima*
- (d.) In ~~the several Wards~~ *any one part of the County*, from the Wardens of ~~such Wards respectively~~ *the District*

for which license shall be paid the sum of ~~Eight~~ ^{12/-} shillings and ~~Six~~ pence in the City of Port-of-Spain and the Boroughs of San Fernando and Arima, and ~~Eight~~ shillings and ~~Two~~ pence *elsewhere.*

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

(3.) All moneys received in respect of licenses granted under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury.

Amended by Ord 28 of 1922.

Public Town & elsewhere 11/2.

Keeping
unlicensed
dog.

4. Any person who keeps any dog without having a license in force, is liable to a fine of not less than Five shillings and not more than Twenty shillings, and in default of payment may be imprisoned either with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding fourteen days, and the amount of any fine recovered under this section shall be paid as to one moiety thereof to the informer and as to the other moiety into the Colonial Treasury.

Label or
Badges.

5.—(1.) With every license 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 of Constabulary.

(2.)—The Inspector-General of Constabulary, may, on its being made to appear to his satisfaction that the metal label or badge delivered to a licensee under Sub-section (1) of 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 of Constabulary.

(2.) The owner of any such dog is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction for a first offence to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings, and for a second and every subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings, and in default of payment of any such penalty to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding fourteen days.

Counterfeiting
label or badge.

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, is liable to imprisonment,

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with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months.

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.

Suspension of clauses relating to badges.

Muzzling of Dogs.

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

Muzzling proclamation.

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

(3.) Any such proclamation may be from time to time varied, amended or revoked by the Governor in Executive Council.

10. Any person who, in a district in which a proclamation under Section 9 of this Ordinance is in operation, permits any dog to go at large without being muzzled in the prescribed manner, is liable to a penalty not exceeding £2, 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 of such dog to its owner, together with the further sum of ten shillings by way of penalty.

Where owner claims unmuzzled dog.

(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 from time to time by proclamation to prohibit the importation of dogs into this 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 from time to time be varied, amended or revoked by the Governor in Executive Council.

(3.) Nothing in this section contained shall affect the provisions of Section 14 of the Customs Ordinance (No. 178.)

Penalty.

14. The master of any vessel from which any dog is landed in contravention of any proclamation under the last preceding section of this Ordinance, and any person landing or assisting or allowing any such dog to be so landed, is liable to a penalty not exceeding £20, 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 license 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 is liable to a penalty not exceeding £1 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 ; is liable to a penalty not exceeding £5, 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 Assault or obstruction. any other person in assaulting or obstructing any Constable or other person authorized as aforesaid in the execution of his duty, is liable to a penalty not exceeding £20, and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding six months.

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

- (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 this 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 ; and

- (i.) The conditions under which dogs confined in places of detention may be killed;
- (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 £10 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*.

Publication of
proclamations.

19. Every proclamation made under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*, and production of a copy of such *Gazette* purporting to contain a copy of any such proclamation shall be sufficient evidence in all Courts and for all purposes whatsoever of the due making and tenor of such proclamation.

Procedure.

20. Any offence under this Ordinance may be prosecuted, and all penalties costs and expenses imposed or directed to be paid thereby may be recovered before a Magistrate according to the procedure prescribed by the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance 1918.

Repeal.

21. The enactments specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto are hereby repealed to the extent indicated in the third column thereof.

Passed in Council this Twenty-third day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,
Clerk of the Council.

 SCHEDULE.

 ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

No. OF ORD.	SHORT TITLE.	EXTENT OF REPEAL.
No. 5	... The Summary Conviction (Offences) Ordinance	Clauses 20 and 21 of Section 85.
No. 148	... The Dog License Ordinance	... The whole.
No. 237	... The Dog License (Amendment) Ordinance	The whole.
No. 21 of 1907	... The Dog License Ordinance, 1907	... The whole.
No. 26 of 1911	... The Dogs (Muzzling) Ordinance, 1911	The whole
No. 37 of 1912	.. The Importation of Dogs Ordinance, 1912	The whole.
No. 38 of 1912	... The Dogs (Muzzling) Amendment Ordinance, 1912	The whole.
