

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 50

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ORDINANCE, 1954
(No. 19 of 1954)

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE
ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ORDINANCE, 1954

THE PARALYTIC RABIES REGULATIONS, 1956

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Paralytic Rabies Regulations, 1956.

2. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, paralytic rabies (Bat transmitted) hereinafter referred to as paralytic rabies, or the carcase of any animal so affected or suspected, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal or carcase being so affected or suspected to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon who, upon examining any animal or the carcase of any animal, is of the opinion that such animal is, or was when it died, affected with paralytic rabies, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every such constable receiving a report made under this regulation shall—

- (a) forthwith transmit the information by telephone to the Inspector, and
- (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Inspector the transmission by telephone of such information.

3. (1) No person shall move, or shall cause or permit to be moved, or shall dispose of, whether by sale or otherwise, any animal or carcase referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation except in accordance with the directions of the Inspector given under the said paragraph :

Provided that it shall not be an offence to bury the carcase of any such animal if no such directions shall have been received within eighteen hours of the making of a report in relation to such animal or carcase under regulation 2 of these Regulations, or where such report cannot be made within eighteen hours after the death of the animal on account of distance, or on account of difficulty of terrain or of communications.

(2) The Inspector may give directions as to the removal or disposal of—

- (a) any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, paralytic rabies; or
- (b) the carcase of any animal which has died from, or is suspected of having died from, or while afflicted with paralytic rabies.

4. (1) The Inspector may order the immediate destruction of any animal found, or reasonably believed, to be affected with paralytic rabies as a result of any examination or otherwise.

(2) The owner or person in charge of any animal which has been destroyed by the order of the Inspector shall dispose of the carcase thereof as the Inspector may direct.

5. (1) The Inspector may conduct a post mortem examination of the carcase of any animal which has died from, or is suspected of having died from, or while afflicted with paralytic rabies, and may remove such portions of the carcase as he may deem necessary for laboratory examinations and may order that the carcase be delivered to him at such place and time as he may specify.

(2) The Inspector may order the carcase of any animal which has been buried to be exhumed for the purpose of conducting a post mortem examination of the carcase under paragraph (1) of this regulation.

6. No compensation shall be payable in respect of any animal or carcase which has been dealt with in any manner authorised by these Regulations.

7. The Inspector may direct that any animal shall, at the risk of the owner, be inoculated with vaccine against paralytic rabies and shall appoint the places, dates and hours at which such animals shall be produced for the purpose of such inoculation. The owner or person in charge of every such animal shall comply with any such directions.

8. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations or with any order or directions lawfully given by any person under authority of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of two hundred and forty dollars.

Made by the Governor in Council this 6th day of March, 1956.

W. J. BOOS
Clerk, Executive Council

Laid before the Legislature this 23rd day of March, 1956.

T. F. FARRELL
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