

No. 45 OF 1948.

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND CONTROL OF
DOGS IN ALL PLACES IN THE COLONY OTHER THAN
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND SUMMER RESORTS.

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[23rd December, 1948.

Officer Administering the Government.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Dogs Law, 1948. Short title.
2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpre-
tation.
 - “dog” includes bitch, but does not include an unweaned puppy;
 - “Mukhtar” means the mukhtar of the village or quarter in which the person applying for a licence to keep a dog resides.

Application
of Law.

26 of 1930
to
34 of 1948.

7 of 1938.
21 of 1946.

Licence,
duration
and fees.

First
Schedule.

Second
Schedule.

Refusal and
withdrawal
of licence in
certain cases.

15 of 1909.

Licensee to
be entitled
to keep dog
in all places
to which this
Law applies.

3. The provisions of this Law shall apply to all places in the Colony other than municipal corporations established under the Municipal Corporations Laws, 1930 to 1948, or any law amending or substituted for the same and summer resorts established under the Summer Resorts (Development) Laws, 1938 and 1946, or any law amending or substituted for the same.

4.—(1) No person shall keep a dog unless he has obtained a licence in that behalf from the Mukhtar in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Law.

(2) Every licence shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year in which it is issued but may be renewed by endorsement.

(3) There shall be paid for every licence or renewal the fees set out in the Second Schedule to this Law.

(4) The Mukhtar shall keep a register specifying the name, address and occupation of each person to whom, and the number and class of dogs in respect of which, a licence is issued.

5.—(1) The Mukhtar may refuse to grant a licence to any person or may withdraw any licence granted to any person to keep a dog for all or any of the following reasons:—

(a) that the dog is shown to be dangerous to members of the public or to domestic animals;

(b) that the person who has applied for a licence has been convicted of an offence under the Cruelty to Animals Law, 1909, or any law amending or substituted for the same;

(c) that the dog is kept under conditions which are dangerous to public health.

(2) Any person aggrieved by—

(a) the refusal of the Mukhtar to grant a licence; or

(b) the withdrawal of a licence,

may, within seven days from the date of such refusal or withdrawal, appeal in writing to the Commissioner and shall, within the period aforesaid, serve a copy of the appeal on the Mukhtar.

(3) The decision of the Commissioner on any such appeal shall be final and conclusive.

6. A subsisting licence obtained from any Mukhtar under the provisions of this Law shall entitle the licensee to keep a dog in all places to which this Law applies, without further licence.

7.—(1) The Mukhtar shall supply the licensee, free of charge, with a badge to be worn by the dog for which the licence is issued. Badges.

(2) If it is proved to the Mukhtar that a badge supplied under the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section has been lost or destroyed, the Mukhtar shall, upon payment of six piastres, issue to the licensee a duplicate badge.

(3) The licensee shall return such badge to the Mukhtar on the expiration of the licence, or if he ceases to keep the dog in respect of which the badge has been issued, or if the dog dies during the currency of the licence and, if he fails to do so, shall be guilty of an offence against this Law.

8. Every licensee shall, within a reasonable time after demand, produce his licence for inspection by a Mukhtar or any member of the Cyprus Police Force and, if he fails to do so, shall be guilty of an offence against this Law. Licencee to produce his licence.

9.—(1) Every person who keeps a dog, without having a licence therefor in force for the time being, shall be guilty of an offence against this Law. Offences.

(2) For the purposes of this section, every person in whose custody, charge, control or possession or in whose house or premises any dog shall be found, shall be deemed to be keeping such dog, unless the contrary be proved.

10.—(1) Every dog—

- (a) found wandering within any place in the Colony to which this Law applies not wearing a badge in the prescribed form;
 - (b) in respect of which a licence has been refused; or
 - (c) in respect of which a licence has been withdrawn,
- may be seized, destroyed and disposed of in such manner and by such person as the Governor may, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe: Destruction of unlicensed dogs.

Provided that no dog in respect of which a licence has been refused or withdrawn shall be destroyed until the expiration of the period of seven days as in section 5 (2) prescribed or, in case of an appeal to the Commissioner thereunder, until the decision of the Commissioner thereon has been given and then only when such decision upholds the refusal to grant a licence or the withdrawal of a licence granted, as the case may be.

(2) No compensation shall be payable in respect of the destruction of a dog in pursuance of this section.

(3) Any person who fails to observe or who contravenes any of the terms of a notice published under sub-section (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence against this Law.

11. Any person who is guilty of an offence against this Law shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds. Penalty.

Disposal of
fees and
fines.

19 of 1936
29 of 1937
19 of 1938
21 of 1939
18 of 1943
19 of 1948

Date of
commence-
ment and
repeal.
10 of 1920.

12. All fees collected, and all fines recovered under the provisions of this Law, shall be paid into, and form part of, the Village Health Fund established for the village concerned under the Public Health (Villages) Laws, 1936 to 1948, or any law amending or substituted for the same :

Provided that, in the case of villages to which the said Laws do not apply, such fees and fines shall be paid into a Special Dogs Fund to be kept by the Commissioner and to be applied by him in such manner and for such purposes as he may think fit :

Provided further that the Mukhtar shall retain five piastres for every licence granted by such Mukhtar under this Law.

13. This Law shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1948, and thereupon the Dogs Law, 1920, shall be repealed.

FIRST SCHEDULE.—(Section 4 (1).)

The Dogs Law, 1948.

LICENCE.

No..... of..... Badge No.....
Village.....
District

Licence is hereby granted to.....
of....., to keep the following
dog :—

Sex..... Breed or type.....

Colour.....

Distinguishing marks (if any).....

Fee paid.....

This licence expires on the 31st day of December, 19.....

Dated the..... day of....., 19.....

(Signature and seal).....

Mukhtar of.....

This licence has been renewed to expire on the 31st
day of December, 19.....

(Signature and seal).....

Mukhtar of.....

SECOND SCHEDULE.—(Section 4 (3).)

FEEES.

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| 1. For the first dog | 2 shillings. |
| 2. For each additional dog | 3 shillings. |
| 3. For the first bitch | 4 shillings. |
| 4. For each additional bitch | 5 shillings. |

H. G. RICHARDS,

23rd December, 1948.

Acting Colonial Secretary.