



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

DOG MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL BILL 2017

No. of 2017

A Bill for an Act to impliedly repeal certain provisions of the Animals Act 1982 and to make new provision for the licensing and control of dogs and for related purposes

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Dog Management and Control Act 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences upon certification by the Speaker.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

‘Authority’ means the dog licensing officer duly appointed under section 8;

‘Committee’ refers to the Dog Management and Control Committee;

‘dangerous dog’ includes dogs which attack human beings or animals;

‘owner’ means the owner of the dog as defined in section 10;

‘public place’ includes a public road, tracks, thoroughfare or any common driveway accessible by any person other than the owner of the dog;

‘Licence number’ means the unique identifying number allocated for each licensed dog bearing the letters JBC and four numerals in a series commencing with “JBC0001”;

‘Register’ refers to the Dog Licenses Register;

‘tag’ means the licenced tag given to a dog under section 13;

PART 2 – ADMINISTRATION

4 Dog Management and Control Committee

A Dog Management and Control Committee is established.

5 Membership

The Committee shall consist of the Authority as the Chairperson and representatives from the following:

- (a) the Department of Health;
- (b) the Nauru Police Force; and

(c) the Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment.

6 Functions of the Committee

The functions of the Committee are to advise and make recommendations to the Minister on the:

- (a) breed of dogs that may be introduced into the Republic;
- (b) ownership and licensing of dogs;
- (c) control of stray dogs;
- (d) health and care of domestic dogs;
- (e) sterilisation of dogs; and
- (f) eradication of stray and diseased dogs.

7 Meetings

- (1) Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson and in his or her absence a nominated representative of the Chairperson.
- (2) The Chairperson shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee.
- (3) The Committee may establish its own practice and procedure for the meetings.

8 The Authority

- (1) The Minister shall appoint a person to be the Authority for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The functions of the Authority are to:
 - (a) establish and maintain a Dog Licence Register;
 - (b) receive applications for the licensing of dogs;
 - (c) hold and issue approved dog collars and tags upon granting of licences; and
 - (d) receive and pay all licensing fees into the *Treasury fund*.

9 The Licence Register

- (1) The Authority shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a Dog Licenses Register under this Act.