

# **Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules**

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**ANIMALS AND BIRDS (DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL) RULES**

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**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules.

**Definitions**

**2.** In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“animal infirmary” means any veterinary centre licensed under section 54 of the Act, or any premises designated by the Director-General to be used for the

keeping or treatment of animals;

“dog farm” means a farm licensed under the Animals and Birds (Licensing of Farms) Rules (R 3) and which is used for the breeding of dogs;

“keep”, in relation to a dog, includes keeping the dog for the purposes of sale, or arranging adoption or fostering;

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

“licence” means a licence issued by the Director-General under rule 4(2)(a) or 4AA(4)(a);

*[S 727/2020 wef 01/09/2020]*

“licence fee” means the fee referred to in rule 5;

“licensee” includes a transferee who is issued a licence under rule 4AA(4)(a);

*[S 727/2020 wef 01/09/2020]*

“microchip” means a microchip that conforms with the standards of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO);

*[S 686/2010 wef 15/11/2010]*

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

“owner” has the same meaning as in section 41 of the Act;

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

“perpetual licence”, in relation to a dog, means a licence that is valid for the lifetime of the dog unless the licence is earlier revoked or cancelled;

*[S 727/2020 wef 01/09/2020]*

“pet shop” has the same meaning as in rule 2 of the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules (R 2).

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

### **Requirement for licence and approval**

**3.—(1)** No person shall own or keep a dog unless that person has taken out a licence in respect of the dog.

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

(1A) The Director-General may exempt any person or class of persons from paragraph (1) for such duration, and subject to such conditions, as the Director-General may determine.

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

(2) No person shall keep more than 3 dogs in any premises (not being a dog farm or a pet shop) without the prior permission of the Director-General.

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

(3) The Director-General may grant permission under paragraph (2) for the keeping of more than 3 dogs in any premises (not being a dog farm or a pet shop), subject to —

- (a) the imposition of additional conditions of the licence; and
- (b) the payment of the appropriate licence fee.

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

(4) No person shall keep more than one dog of any breed specified in the Second Schedule in any premises without the prior permission of the Director-General.

*[S 686/2010 wef 15/11/2010]*

(5) The Director-General may grant permission under paragraph (4) for the keeping of more than one dog of any breed specified in the Second Schedule in any premises, subject to —

- (a) the imposition of additional conditions of the licence; and
- (b) the payment of the appropriate licence fee.

*[S 686/2010 wef 15/11/2010]*

(6) Paragraph (4) shall not apply to any person who, immediately before 15th November 2010, holds valid licences for more than one dog of any breed specified in the Second Schedule for so long as those licences are not revoked or are renewed and not subsequently revoked.

*[S 686/2010 wef 15/11/2010]*

(7) The issue of a licence in respect of a dog of any breed specified in the Second Schedule upon an application that is made pursuant to rule 4(8) less than 12 months after the expiry of the previous licence in respect of the same dog shall be deemed to be a renewal for the purposes of paragraph (6).

*[S 686/2010 wef 15/11/2010]*

### **Application for and issue of licence, etc.**

4.—(1) An application for a licence in respect of a dog shall be made to the Director-General in such form or manner as the Director-General may require, and shall be accompanied by —

- (a) *[Deleted by S 727/2020 wef 01/09/2020]*
- (b) such particulars, information and documents as may be specified by the Director-General; and
- (c) proof that the dog has been implanted with a microchip.

(2) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director-General may —

- (a) on the payment of the appropriate licence fee, issue a licence to the applicant subject to any condition that the Director-General thinks fit to impose; or

*[S 727/2020 wef 01/09/2020]*

(b) refuse to issue a licence to the applicant.

(3) Where the Director-General refuses to issue a licence under paragraph (2)(b), he shall, if requested to do so by the applicant, state in writing the reasons for his refusal.

(4) A licence issued is valid —

(a) for the duration specified in the licence; or

(b) in the case of a perpetual licence, for the lifetime of the dog,

unless the licence is earlier revoked or cancelled.

*[S 727/2020 wef 01/09/2020]*

(5) The Director-General may, at any time, vary or revoke any of the existing conditions of the licence or impose new conditions.

(6) Every licensee shall, except where he has informed the Director-General of the loss or death of his dog or his ceasing to keep the dog under paragraph (7), renew his licence before its expiry —

(a) by paying to the Director-General the appropriate licence fee; and

(b) by providing to the Director-General such particulars, information and documents as may be specified by the Director-General.

(7) A licensee must, within the time specified in the licence, inform the Director-General and produce documentary proof —

(a) of the loss or death of the licensee's dog; or

(b) that the licensee is no longer keeping the dog.

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

(7A) Where a licensee informs the Director-General under paragraph (7)(b) that the licensee is no longer keeping the licensee's dog, the licensee must also provide to the Director-General the particulars of the person who is keeping the dog.

*[S 38/2017 wef 01/03/2017]*

(7B) A licence in respect of a dog (that is not kept for sale in a dog farm or a pet shop) is cancelled —

(a) in the case of the loss or death of the dog, upon the licensee informing the Director-General of such loss or death under paragraph (7)(a); or

(b) in the case where the licensee is no longer keeping the dog, when —

(i) the licensee has provided the Director-General the particulars required under paragraph (7A); and