

# **Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules 2007**

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#### **No. S 413**

#### **ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT (CHAPTER 7)**

#### **ANIMALS AND BIRDS (DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL) RULES 2007**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 59 and 80 of the Animals and Birds Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules 2007 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2007.

#### **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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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), subject to —

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

### **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) the appropriate licence fee;
- (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) issue a licence to the applicant subject to such conditions as he thinks fit to impose; or
- (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) Every licence shall be valid for one year from the date of its issue and shall not be transferable.

(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) Every licensee shall inform the Director-General and produce documentary proof—

(a) of the loss or death of his dog within 28 days of such loss or death; or

(b) that he is no longer keeping his dog within 28 days of his ceasing to keep the dog.

(8) Where a licensee does not renew the licence for his dog before its expiry, he shall apply for a new licence in accordance with paragraph (1).

### **Licence fee**

5.—(1) The fee payable for the issue or the renewal of a licence (other than in relation to a dog farm) shall be as specified in Part I of the First Schedule.

(2) The fee payable for the issue or the renewal of a licence in relation to a dog farm shall be as specified in Part II of the First Schedule.

(3) Any fee paid for or in respect of any licence under these Rules shall not be refundable.

(4) The Director-General may, as he thinks fit, waive the whole or any part of the licence fee payable under these Rules.

### **Amendment of licence for dog farm**

6.—(1) Where a licence has been issued in respect of the dogs in a dog farm, the licensee shall inform the Director-General of any change in the particulars pertaining to the dogs (other than the address at which the dogs are to be kept), as specified in the licence or the conditions thereof, within 14 days of the occurrence of the change.

(2) After considering the change referred to in paragraph (1) and any additional information the Director-General requests from and is provided by the licensee, the Director-General may vary the licence, subject to the imposition of additional conditions on the licence.

(3) Where the number of dogs kept in a dog farm exceeds the maximum number of dogs permitted by the licence issued in relation to the dog farm, the licensee shall apply to the Director-General to vary the licence within 14 days of the occurrence of the change.

(4) After considering an application for a variation of a licence in relation to a dog

farm and any additional information the Director-General requests from and is provided by the licensee, the Director-General may vary the licence, subject to the payment of an additional fee by the licensee which shall be the amount which is —

- (a) the difference between the licence fee paid for the licence to be varied and the licence fee which would have been payable if a licence is issued in relation to that dog farm with the increased number of dogs; and
- (b) adjusted pro-rata according to the proportion the remaining validity period (rounded to the nearest month) of the licence bears to the total validity period of that licence.

### **Change of address, etc.**

7.—(1) No licensee shall keep a dog in respect of which the licence is issued, or cause or permit that dog to be kept, at an address other than the address stated in the licence without the prior approval of the Director-General.

(2) Where a dog is to be kept at an address other than the address stated in the licence, the licensee shall apply, in writing, to the Director-General for approval of the change of address at which the dog is to be kept.

(3) Where the Director-General refuses to approve the change under paragraph (2), he shall, if requested to do so by the licensee, state in writing the reasons for his refusal.

(4) Every licensee shall inform the Director-General in writing of any change in his address as stated in his licence within 28 days of such change.

### **Licensee of specified dog to comply with certain requirements, etc.**

8.—(1) Where a licensee owns or keeps any of the breeds of dogs specified in Part I of the Second Schedule (referred to in this rule as a specified dog), he shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) the dog shall be implanted with a microchip;
- (b) the dog, if over 6 months of age, shall be sterilised;
- (c) the licensee shall have in force a policy of insurance approved by the Director-General for an amount of not less than \$100,000 to cover any injury to persons or animals or damage to property that might be caused by the dog; and
- (d) the licensee shall furnish to the Director-General security in the form of a banker's guarantee for \$5,000, which shall be forfeited if —
  - (i) the licensee allows the dog to be in a public place otherwise than