STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 279

DOGS

The Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

Made - - - -	*19th July 2011*
Coming into operation	*3rd October 2011*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(**1**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 6(2), (3) and (5), 7(9), 8(2) and (3), 15(1) and 31(1) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**2**):

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 and shall come into operation on 3rd October 2011.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"certificate of registration" means a certificate of registration issued by the Kennel Club, the Irish Coursing Club, the Masters of Foxhounds Association, the Masters of Harriers and Beagles Association, the Northern Ireland Master of Hounds Association, the International Sheep Dog Society or any other such organisation that the Department may specify by an order made under Article 8(1) of the Order;

"licensed" means kept under the authority of a dog licence or block licence;

"the Order" means the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(4)
(**2**) S.I. 1983/764 (N.I. 8), as amended by S.I. 1991/2292 (N.I. 21), 2001 c.1 (N.I.) and 2011 c.9 (N.I.)

PART II

LICENSING

Period of validity of a dog licence

3.—(1) A dog licence shall, unless suspended, remain in force for a period of one year.

(2) A block licence shall, unless suspended, remain in force for a period of one year.

Forms

4.—(1) An application for a dog licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 1.

(2) A dog licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 2.

(3) A transfer certificate shall be in the form set out in Schedule 3.

(4) An application for a refund of a dog licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 4.

(5) An application for a block licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 5 and shall be accompanied, where appropriate, by certificates of registration for dogs kept at premises in respect of which the block licence is sought.

(6) A block licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 6.

Register of dog licences and block licences

5.—(1) The register of dog licences and block licences to be kept by district councils under Article 15(1) of the Order shall contain such particulars as are set out in Schedule 7.

(2) The register may be kept in manual or computerised form so long as the recording is capable of being reproduced in a legible form for inspection.

PART III

IDENTIFICATION

Identification of the keeper

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the keeper of a dog in respect of which a licence is required under the Order or of a dog to which Article 5(a), (b) or (d) of the Order applies shall ensure that the dog wears a collar with the name and address of the keeper inscribed on it or on a plate or badge attached to it.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to the keeper of a dog—

(a) which is a member of a pack of hounds; or

(b) while that dog is being judged at a competition; or

(c) while that dog is being used for—

(i) any sporting purposes;

(ii) the capture or destruction of vermin;

(iii) the purpose of driving or tending sheep or cattle.

Licence identification

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), the keeper of a dog which is required to be licensed shall ensure that the dog wears attached to its collar licence identification which shall relate to—

(a) the dog licence issued in respect of that dog ("the relevant dog licence"); or

(b) the block licence which is valid in relation to that dog ("the relevant block licence").

(2) Licence identification shall be of metal or plastic not less than 1.00mm in thickness and shall be of the shape, dimensions and colour set out in Schedule 8 in relation to the period during which a dog licence or block licence is issued.

(3) Licence identification shall be issued to the licence holder by the district council for the district in which he resides and shall bear a symbol or mark which denotes the council by which it was issued.

(4) Licence identification shall not be attached to a dog other than—

(a) the dog in respect of which the relevant dog licence was issued; or

(b) a dog in relation to which the relevant block licence was issued; or

(c) the new dog where a licence transfer certification has been issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(4) of the Order.

(5) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to the keeper of a dog—

(a) which is a member of a pack of hounds; or

(b) while that dog is being judged at a competition; or

(c) while that dog is being used for—

(i) any sporting purposes;

(ii) the capture or destruction of vermin;

(iii) the purpose of driving or tending sheep or cattle.

Revocation

8. The Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983(**3**) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 19th July 2011.

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(**3**) S.R. 1983 No. 378 as amended by S.R. 2009 No. 396

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 4(1)

Application for a Dog Licence

The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

Application for a Dog Licence

Details of applicant (Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Title (Mr, Mrs, etc)	Forename/s	Surname
Address		Postcode
Contact telephone number		
Email address (*if available*)		
Date of expiry of previous licence (*if any*)		

Description of dog

Colour	Breed	Male or Female	Is the dog sterilised? Yes/No
Age	Distinguishing marks (*if any*)		
Microchip number			
Name of dog (*if any*)			

Control conditions

Is a notice in force attaching control conditions under Article 30A(2) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 to a previous licence held in respect of the above dog?	Yes/No
If Yes, please give the serial number of notice	

Exemption for prohibited types

Is the dog above subject to a contingent destruction order under Article 25C(4) or Article 33(1B) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983?	Yes/No

If Yes, please give either—

The date of that court order
The serial number of an exemption certificate issued in respect of the dog

It is a requirement that a policy of third party insurance is in force in respect of any exempted dog. Please supply—

Policy provider
Policy number

Fees and concessions	Tick as appropriate	Fee
I am eligible for a free licence as I am over 65 and this is the first or only dog I keep.		None
I am over 65 and have already claimed a free licence for one dog.		£5.00
I am in receipt of an income-related benefit (within the meaning of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act (Northern Ireland) 1992 (c. 8)) at the time of the application for the licence.		£5.00
The dog described above is sterilised.		£5.00
None of the above		£12.50

NOTE: The information given above may be subject to checks.

I declare that the information given above is correct in every respect. I am not under 16 years of age and I have not been disqualified from keeping a dog.

Signed	Date

Office use only

Fee Paid	
Licence number	
Signed **Issuing Officer**	Date
Issuing Office:	