1984 No. 153

DOGS

Dogs (Grants to District Councils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

Made	*4th May 1984*
Coming into operation . . .	*12th June 1984*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 49(2) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dogs (Grants to District Councils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 12th June 1984.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"approved" means approved by the Department in writing;

"expenditure" means initial expenditure incurred by a district council in the establishment of a dog pound under Article 40(*a*) of the Order;

"grant" means grant under Article 49(1) of the Order;

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

General

3. Subject to compliance with the conditions set out in these regulations, grant shall be payable to a district council in respect of expenditure incurred before 31st December 1984.

Exclusive use of dog pound

4.—(1) The interest or rights of the district council in or over the land on which the dog pound is established shall be such as to enable the council to have the exclusive use of that land for a period of at least five years from 1st January 1985.

(2) Where a dog pound is being shared by two or more district councils the condition set out in paragraph (1) shall be satisfied in relation to at least one of those councils.

Application for grant

5.—(1) A written application for grant containing the particulars set out in paragraph (2) shall be submitted by the district council to the Department by 31st July 1984.

(2) The application mentioned in paragraph (1) shall contain—

(*a*) a description (including a plan and full specifications) of the proposed dog pound;

(*b*) an estimate of the cost of the proposed dog pound;

(a) S.I. 1983/764 (N.I. 8)

(*c*) where applicable, official tender documents and a statement signed by the Clerk of the district council certifying the tender accepted by the council; and

(*d*) a statement signed by the Clerk of the district council certifying that planning permission has been obtained.

Approval of proposals

6.—(1) Proposals for a dog pound shall be approved before the commencement of any works.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), proposals for a dog pound shall not be approved unless the Department is satisfied that the dog pound would meet on completion the standards set out in the Schedule.

Implementation of approved proposals

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) proposals approved under regulation 6 shall be carried out in accordance with the specifications on which the approval was based.

(2) Alterations to approved proposals may be submitted by a district council to the Department but any works relating to such alterations shall not be undertaken before such alterations have been approved.

Documents to be furnished by district councils

8. The district council shall furnish to the Department by 31st January 1985—

(*a*) a statement in writing of the total amount of expenditure actually incurred;

(*b*) a statement signed by the Clerk of the district council certifying that such expenditure has been properly incurred;

(*c*) all vouchers, receipts or other documents evidencing such expenditure; and

(*d*) such evidence as satisfies the Department that the condition set out in regulation 4 has been met.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 4th May 1984.

(L.S.) *S. R. Armstrong*
Assistant Secretary