1983 No. 378

DOGS

Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

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The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 6(2), (3) and (5), 7(7), 8(2) and (3), 15(1) and 31(1) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dogs (Licensing and Identification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 19th December 1983.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"certificate of registration" means a certificate of registration issued by the Kennel Club or such other organisation as the Department may specify by an order made under Article 8(1) of the principal Order;

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

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

PART II

LICENSING

Period of validity

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 Part I of Schedule 1.

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

(3) An application for a block licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 3 and shall be accompanied, where appropriate, by certificates of registration for dogs kept at the premises in respect of which the block licence is sought.

(4) A block licence shall be in the form set out in Schedule 4.

(5) A transfer certificate shall be in the form set out in Schedule 5.

(6) An application for refund of a dog licence fee shall be in the form set out in Schedule 6.

(7) An application for abatement of a dog licence fee shall be in the form set out in Part II of Schedule 1.

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

Register

5. The register of dog licences and block licences to be kept by district councils shall contain such particulars as are set out in Schedule 7; and the register may be kept either by making entries in bound books or by recording the particulars in any other manner including a non-legible 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 dog licence is required under the principal Order or of a dog to which Article 5(*a*), (*b*) and (*d*) of the principal Order applies shall ensure that that 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 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 that 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 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 a 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 other 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 is valid; or

(*c*) the new dog where a licence transfer certificate has been issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(4) of the principal 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 used for—

(i) any sporting purposes;

(ii) the capture or destruction of vermin;

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

(*c*) in respect of which a dog licence has already been issued under legislation in force prior to the coming into operation of Part II of the principal Order while that licence remains in force by virtue of the transitional provisions of Article 55(1) of the principal Order; or

(*d*) while that dog is being judged at competition.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 22nd November 1983.

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SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 4(1) and (7)

PART 1

DOGS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1983

Application for Dog Licence

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Details of applicant

Mr, Mrs or Miss	Forename/s	Surname
Address		Postcode

ADDRESS OF PREMISES AT WHICH DOG IS KEPT (if different from above)

Description of Dog

Colour	Breed	Male or Female

AGE Distinguishing Marks (if any)

NAME (if any)_____

Kennel Club or Other Registration Number (if any)_____

Date of expiry of previous licence (if any) .....

I apply for a licence for the dog described above and enclose cheque/postal order/crossed Giro payment order/cash (delete whichever does not apply) for fee payable £.....

I declare that the information given above is correct in every respect and that I am not under 16 years of age and that I have not been disqualified from keeping a dog under the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a).

For office use only

Signed..... Licence No. ..... Issued

Date ..... Initials.....

Date .....

WARNING: An applicant for a licence who knowingly and wilfully makes a statement in this form which is false in a material particular is liable to prosecution.

(a) 1972 c. 7 (N.I.)