# Control of Greyhounds etc. Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 [F1]

**1950 CHAPTER 13**

An Act to provide for the muzzling and control of greyhounds in public places; to restrict the number of greyhounds which may be exercised or led by any one person in a public place; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [27th June 1950]

**Annotations:**
**F1** Saved by 1981 NI 1

## 1 Greyhounds not to be in a public place unless controlled and muzzled.

(1) A person shall not exercise or lead or cause or permit to be exercised, led or at large a greyhound in any street, road, highway or other public place or in any place to which the public have or are permitted to have access, other than**[**[F2] premises on which dog trials take place or a track on which dog races of any description take place and for which a track betting licence within the meaning of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 is in force**]**, unless such greyhound is both under control and muzzled.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of any of the foregoing provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

**Annotations:**
**F2** 1985 NI 11

## 2 Restriction on number of greyhounds which may be exercised or led in a public place.

(1) A person shall not exercise or lead, or cause or permit to be exercised or led by any one person, more than two greyhounds in any street, road, highway or other public place, or in any place to which the public have or are permitted to have access, other than**[**[F3] such premises or track mentioned in section 1(1)**]**.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of any of the foregoing provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

**Annotations:**
**F3** 1985 NI 11

## 3 Penalties.

Any person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable, on summary conviction,[F4]. . . to a fine not exceeding**[**[F5] £200**]**. . . , or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

**Annotations:**
**F4** 1984 NI 3
**F5** 1983 NI 8

## 4 Liability of owner for injury caused by greyhound.

(1) The owner of any greyhound shall be liable in damages for any injury caused by such greyhound by reason of the contravention of any of the provisions of section one or section two of this Act, and it shall not be necessary for the person seeking such damages to prove that[F6]. . . the owner knew of such previous propensity, or that the injury was attributable to neglect on the part of the owner.

(2) The provisions of the preceding sub-section shall not prejudice or affect any other right to recover damages for any injury caused by any greyhound.

**Annotations:**
**F6** 1983 NI 8

## 5 Savings.

(1) The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of any enactment relating to dogs.

(2) [F7]. . . . . .

**Annotations:**
**F7** S. 5(2) repealed (17.8.2011) by Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 15), ss. 39(2), 40(1), **Sch. 3 Pt. 3**; S.R. 2011/285, **art. 2**, Sch.

## 6 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"contravention" includes, in relation to any provision, a failure to comply with that provision;