
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 764

The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

PART II

LICENCES AND REGISTRATION

Licences

Exemptions

5. A dog licence shall not be required in respect of—
- (a) a dog under the age of six months where that dog is kept by the person who at the time of its birth was the keeper of the bitch which gave it birth;
 - [^{F1}(b) a dog kept and used by a disabled person (within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50)) wholly or mainly for the purpose of assisting that person to carry out normal day-to-day activities;]
 - (c) a dog kept in a petshop licensed by the Department under section 8 of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 where the dog is on offer for sale to the public;
 - (d) a dog kept by a person to whom a block licence under Article 8(1) is issued where the dog is normally kept on the premises to which the block licence relates;
 - (e) a dog kept and used wholly for police purposes;
 - (f) a dog kept by such other person as may be prescribed.

F1 Art. 5(b) substituted (28.7.2011) by [Dogs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 9\), ss. 1\(2\), 18\(1\); S.R. 2011/281, art. 2, Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- art. 5(c) repealed by [2011 c. 16 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5](#)