
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 764

The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

PART III

CONTROL OF DOGS

Penalty for keeping dog without a licence

17.—(1) Any person who—

- (a) where he is not the holder of a dog licence, keeps a dog; or
- (b) where he is the holder of a dog licence, keeps a dog of a description not authorised by the licence;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.

(2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under paragraph (1)(a) where he is the holder of a block licence which is valid in relation to the dog in question.

Penalty for applying for or obtaining a licence or registration while disqualified

18.—(1) Any person who applies for or obtains—

- (a) a dog licence or a block licence while disqualified for obtaining or holding such a licence by Article 4(2) or by virtue of Article 8(5); or
- (b) registration in respect of guard dog kennels ^{F1}... while disqualified for keeping a dog under^{F2} Article 33A or^{F3} section 33 of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011];

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 month or to both.

(2) A person under the age of 16 shall not be guilty of an offence under paragraph (1)(a) where he obtains a dog licence on behalf of the head of the household of which he is a member.

F1 Words in art. 18(1)(b) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Welfare of Animals \(Dog Breeding Establishments and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(S.R. 2013/43\)](#), regs. 1, **21(12)**

F2 1991 NI 21

F3 Words in art. 18(1)(b) substituted (11.7.2011) by [Welfare of Animals Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 16\)](#), ss. 57(1), 59, **Sch. 4 para. 1** (with ss. 1(2), 52(1), 53, 54); S.R. 2011/245, **art. 2**, Sch. 1

Penalty for obtaining dog before a licence is issued

19. Any person who takes possession of a dog in respect of which a dog licence is required by this Order before a licence has been issued shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.

Restriction on giving or selling dogs

20.—(1) A person who gives or sells to another person a dog in respect of which a dog licence is required by this Order shall not part with the possession of the dog unless that other person has produced a dog licence in respect of that dog or a block licence which is valid in relation to the dog in question.

(2) Any person acting in contravention of paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.

Production of licences

21.—(1) An officer may require the production for examination of a dog licence or a block licence.

(2) If any person fails to produce a dog licence or a block licence immediately when asked for it or alternatively, to bring it in person within seven days after the production of the licence was so required to such police station or district council office as that person shall have specified at the time its production was required, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, Cross Heading: .