
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

Attacks by dogs

4.—(1) Article 29 of the Dogs Order (attacking of persons or worrying of livestock) shall have effect subject to the following provisions of this Article.

(2) In paragraph (1) the words “attacks any person or” shall cease to have effect.

(3) After paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“(1A) Subject to the provisions of this Article, if a dog attacks any person the keeper of the dog and, if it is in the charge of a person other than its keeper, that person also shall be guilty of an offence, or, if the attack takes place in a public place or any other place where the dog is not permitted to be and the dog injures the person attacked, an aggravated offence, under this paragraph.

(1B) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1A) other than an aggravated offence shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both; and a person guilty of an aggravated offence under that paragraph shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.”.

(4) In paragraph (2) for the words “Paragraph (1)” there shall be substituted the words “Paragraphs (1) and (1A)”.