

---

SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**2023 No. 262 (C. 21)**

**ANIMALS**

**The Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act  
2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - - *14th September 2023*  
*Laid before the Scottish*  
*Parliament* - - - - - *19th September 2023*  
*Coming into force* - - - - - *3rd October 2023*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 31(2) of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2023 and come into force on 3 October 2023.

**Appointed day**

2. 3 October 2023 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023, so far as not already in force<sup>(2)</sup>.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
14th September 2023

*MAIRI GOUGEON*  
A member of the Scottish Government

---

<sup>(1)</sup> 2023 asp 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Sections 26, 31 and 32 came into force on 8 March 2023 by virtue of provision made in section 31(1) of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023.

**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

---

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations appoint 3 October 2023 as the day on which all of the provisions contained in the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023 (“the Act”) will come into force, other than sections 26, 31 and 32 of the Act (which came into force on 8 March 2023 by virtue of provision made in section 31(1) of the Act).