



# Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023

## 2023 asp 1

### PART 1

#### HUNTING A WILD MAMMAL USING A DOG

##### *General provision on licences*

#### **11 Delegation of functions in relation to licences**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may delegate their functions in relation to licences under sections 4 and 10 to Scottish Natural Heritage.
- (2) Any delegation must be made by written direction.
- (3) A direction may include provision allowing Scottish Natural Heritage to modify or revoke licences that were granted before the direction.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may modify or revoke a direction.
- (5) If a direction is revoked, any licence granted while the direction was in force continues to have effect unless the revocation provides otherwise.

#### **12 Offence of providing false information to obtain a licence**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person knowingly or recklessly makes a false or misleading statement for the purposes of obtaining (either personally or for another person) a licence under section 4 or 10.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (or both).

#### **13 Review of operation of sections 4 and 10**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must review the operation of sections 4 and 10.
- (2) The first review under subsection (1) must be carried out no later than 31 December 2028.

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

---

- (3) The second and each subsequent review must be carried out no later than the expiry of the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the last report on a review was published under subsection (5).
- (4) In carrying out a review, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) such persons as they consider have an interest in the operation of sections 4 and 10, and
  - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (5) As soon as reasonably possible after carrying out a review, the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) lay a report on the review before the Scottish Parliament, and
  - (b) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (6) A report under subsection (5) must set out—
  - (a) the action (if any) that the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review (for example, proposing a change to the law), and
  - (b) where the Scottish Ministers do not intend to take any action, their reasons for this.