



Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023

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PART 2

TRAIL HUNTING

Exception to the offences

16 Exception: training dogs to follow an animal-based scent

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a person—
 - (i) directs a dog to find and follow an animal-based scent which has been laid for that purpose, or
 - (ii) lays an animal-based scent for a dog to find and follow, in order to train a dog for a lawful purpose, and
 - (b) all of the conditions set out in [subsection \(2\)](#) are met.
- (2) The conditions are that—
- (a) the activity mentioned in [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#) does not involve more than two dogs,
 - (b) any dog involved in the activity is under control,
 - (c) reasonable steps are taken to ensure that any dog involved in the activity does not join with others to form a pack of more than two dogs,
 - (d) permission for the activity has been given by the owner of the land on which the activity takes place,
 - (e) reasonable steps are taken to ensure that no wild mammal is pursued, injured or killed.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)
- I2** S. 16 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023, Cross Heading: Exception to the offences.