
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 764

The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

PART III

CONTROL OF DOGS

Miscellaneous

Regulation with respect to dogs

31.—(1) Regulations may—

- (a) prescribe and regulate the muzzling of dogs and the keeping of dogs under control;
- (b) prescribe and regulate the wearing by dogs of a collar with the name and address of the keeper of the dog inscribed on the collar on a plate or badge attached to the collar;
- (c) in addition to sub-paragraph (b), prescribe and regulate other means of the identification of dogs;
- (d) prescribe and regulate the wearing by dogs of discs or other means of licence identification attached to the collar;
- (e) make provision for the issue of such licence identification by district councils.

[^{F1}(f) prescribe and regulate the microchipping of dogs and regulate the reading of any microchip implanted in a dog.]

[^{F2}(1A) Regulations under paragraph (1)(f) may in particular provide—

- (a) for the use of microchipping as a means of—
 - (i) identification of a dog and its keeper;
 - (ii) licence identification;
- (b) for conferring powers on officers in connection with such identification;
- (c) that a dog is microchipped for the purposes of Article 6(7) if (and only if)—
 - (i) the microchip is of a prescribed class or description or of a class or description approved by a prescribed body or person;
 - (ii) the microchip is implanted in the dog by a person of a prescribed class or description;
 - (iii) any prescribed conditions in relation to the keeping and making available to councils of information in connection with the use of the microchip as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) are satisfied; and
 - (iv) any other prescribed conditions are satisfied.]

(2) Any person contravening any provision of regulations made under this Article shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.

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- F1** Art. 31(1)(f) inserted (9.4.2012) by [Dogs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 9\), ss. 2\(2\), 18\(1\); S.R. 2012/131, art. 2](#)
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