

2024 No. 31

DOGS

The Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (Scotland) Order 2024

Made - - - - at 11.50 a.m. on 31st January 2024

Laid before the Scottish Parliament at 4.00 p.m. on 31st January 2024

Coming into force - - - - 23rd February 2024

The Scottish Ministers make this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(1)(c) and (8) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991(a), and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (Scotland) Order 2024 and comes into force on 23 February 2024.

(2) This Order extends to Scotland only.

Designation for the purposes of section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

2. The type of dog known as the XL Bully is designated for the purposes of section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, being a type appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be bred for fighting or to have the characteristics of a type bred for that purpose.

Appointed day for the purposes of section 1(3) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

3. The reference in article 2 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Commencement and Appointed Day) Order 1991(b) to 30 November 1991 is, in respect of dogs of the type designated by article 2, to be read as a reference to 31 July 2024.

SIOBHIAN BROWN

Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
At 11.50 a.m. on 31st January 2024

(a) 1991 c. 65. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(b) S.I. 1991/1742. This Order was revoked for England and Wales only by S.I. 2015/138.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order designates the type of dog known as the XL Bully for the purposes of section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (“the 1991 Act”).

Section 1(3) of the 1991 Act enables a day to be appointed after which it will be unlawful to possess a dog which has been designated for the purposes of section 1, unless an exemption applies. The day appointed under section 1(3) was specified in article 2 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Commencement and Appointed Day) Order 1991 as 30 November 1991. Article 3 of this Order provides that references to this date are to be read as references to 31 July 2024 in respect of dogs of the type designated by this Order.

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