



Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 12

PART 7

DANGEROUS DOGS

107 Whether a dog is a danger to public safety

- (1) The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (dogs bred for fighting) after subsection (6) there is inserted—

“(6A) A scheme under subsection (3) or (5) may in particular include provision requiring a court to consider whether a person is a fit and proper person to be in charge of a dog.”
- (3) In section 4 (destruction and disqualification orders) after subsection (1A) there is inserted—

“(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1A)(a), when deciding whether a dog would constitute a danger to public safety, the court—

 - (a) must consider—
 - (i) the temperament of the dog and its past behaviour, and
 - (ii) whether the owner of the dog, or the person for the time being in charge of it, is a fit and proper person to be in charge of the dog, and
 - (b) may consider any other relevant circumstances.”
- (4) Section 4B (destruction orders otherwise than on a conviction) is amended as follows—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after “section 5(1) or (2) below” there is inserted “or in exercise of a power of seizure conferred by any other enactment”;
 - (b) after subsection (2) there is inserted—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

“(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), when deciding whether a dog would constitute a danger to public safety, the justice or sheriff—

- (a) must consider—
 - (i) the temperament of the dog and its past behaviour,
and
 - (ii) whether the owner of the dog, or the person for the time being in charge of it, is a fit and proper person to be in charge of the dog, and
- (b) may consider any other relevant circumstances.”