



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 32

PART 2

PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIME

CHAPTER 4

OTHER PROVISIONS

Offences relating to hares etc

63 Trespass with intent to search for or to pursue hares with dogs etc

- (1) A person commits an offence if they trespass on land with the intention of—
 - (a) using a dog to search for or to pursue a hare,
 - (b) facilitating or encouraging the use of a dog to search for or to pursue a hare, or
 - (c) enabling another person to observe the use of a dog to search for or to pursue a hare.
- (2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to prove that they had a reasonable excuse for the trespass mentioned in that subsection.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both.
- (4) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (alteration of penalties for certain summary offences: England and Wales), the reference in subsection (3) to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to 6 months.