

SCHEDULE 4

OFFENCE OF PERMITTING A DOG TO ENTER LAND FROM WHICH IT IS EXCLUDED and FORM OF ORDER

1.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), it is an offence when being in charge of a dog on land to which a dog control order (described as a “Dogs Exclusion Order” in the form set out below) applies, during such times or periods as may be specified in the order, to take the dog onto, or to permit it to enter or to remain on, such land.

(2) No offence is committed where a person has a reasonable excuse for taking the dog onto, or permitting it to enter or remain on, the land, or the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.

(3) The offence does not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, to a deaf person in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358), or to a person who has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454), Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281) or Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680) and upon which he relies for assistance.