

STATES OF ALDERNEY**ORDINANCE OF THE STATES**Made18th January 1950Coming into force18th January 1950**ALDERNEY LICENSING AND CONTROL OF DOGS**
ORDINANCE, 1950

The States have approved the following Ordinance, which shall come into force immediately:

1. In this Ordinance –

'Cattle' means all bovine animals, horses, donkeys, sheep, goats and swine.

'Constable' means any Member of the Guernsey Police Force on duty in Alderney, and Special Constables.

2. (i) No person shall keep a dog above the age of three months without holding a licence from the States of Alderney in respect of such dog.
- (ii) Every person in whose custody or charge or possession, or in whose house or premises any dog shall be found shall be deemed to be the person keeping that dog unless the contrary be proved.
- (iii) Dog Licences shall be valid from January 1st each year and shall be obtained from the States Treasurer upon payment of Five Shillings for each dog, between January 1st and 31st each year. Any person becoming the owner of a dog of the age of three months or more after January 31st shall obtain a licence for such dog within one month. All dog licences shall expire on 31st December of each year and shall not be transferable.
- (iv) A person holding a dog licence shall produce his licence upon the demand of any Constable for examination.
3. Every dog on a highway or place of public resort shall wear a licence disc and collar to which shall be attached a plate bearing the owner's name and address. Any Constable may seize and detain any dog found in such place without a collar or licence disc and it may be treated as a stray dog under Section 4 of this Ordinance.

4. Where a Constable has reason to believe that any dog found on a highway or place of public resort is a stray dog, he may seize that dog and detain it until the owner has claimed it and paid all expenses incurred. When any dog has not been claimed within seven days, the Court may order the dog to be destroyed.
5. (i) It shall be an offence under this Ordinance for any person –
 - (a) to keep a dog over the age of three months without a licence;
 - (b) to suffer his dog to stray in a place of public resort without a collar;
 - (c) to suffer his dog to worry cattle or poultry;
 - (d) to suffer to be at large and not under his control any ferocious or dangerous dog of which he is the owner.
- (ii) A Constable or other person may lodge a complaint before the Court that a dog is dangerous to persons or to cattle or poultry, or that it is not kept under control, and, after considering the complaint, the Court may order such dog to be destroyed.
- (iii) When the Court passes an Order upon a complaint lodged in accordance with sub-section (ii) of this Section, it may also order that the owner of the dog which has caused damage or injury pay suitable compensation in addition to any fine which may be imposed under this Ordinance.
6. It shall be an offence under this Ordinance unlawfully and maliciously to kill or maim, wound or ill-treat any dog. A person convicted under this Section may be disqualified from holding a dog licence for such period as the Court may order in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Ordinance.
7. A person convicted of an Offence under this Ordinance shall be punished at the discretion of the Court with a fine not exceeding Ten Pounds.

