

**Ordonnance dite " The Stray Dogs Ordinance, 1941 ".**  
**(Le 29 mars 1941)**

LA COUR, sur les représentations du Comité des Etats dit " Island Police Committee " et ouïes les conclusions du Contrôle du Roi, a ordonné et ordonne: —

Stray dogs  
may be  
seized and  
detained by  
the Police

1.—(1) Where a police officer has reason to believe that any dog found in a highway or place of public resort is a stray dog, he may seize the dog and may transfer it to an establishment for the reception of stray dogs and the dog may be detained until the owner has claimed it and has paid the prescribed fee in respect of its detention.

Prescribed  
fees for  
detention  
of dogs

(2) The prescribed fee in respect of the detention of a dog shall be as follows: —

(a) Where the dog is claimed on the day of seizure and before transfer to an establishment for the reception of stray dogs, the sum of One Shilling payable to the Island Police Committee; or

(b) Where a dog is claimed after transfer to such an establishment the sum of One Shilling and sixpence payable for each day or part of a day during which it shall have been detained or the gross sum of five shillings whichever shall be the greater.

In any case where an owner of a dog shall have regained possession thereof before payment of the prescribed fee the appropriate fee may be recovered from the owner by the Island Police Committee as a civil debt.

Dogs  
wearing  
collars with  
names of  
owners  
inscribed  
thereon. etc.

(3) Where any dog so seized wears a collar having inscribed thereon or attached thereto the address of any person, or the owner of the dog is known, the Police Inspector shall serve on the person whose address is given on the collar, or on the owner, a notice in writing stating that the dog has been so seized and will be liable to be sold or destroyed if not claimed within seven clear days after the service of the notice.

Service of  
notices

(4) A notice under this section may be served either —

(a) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served; or

- (b) by leaving it at that person's usual or last known place of abode, or at the address given on the collar; or
- (c) by forwarding it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to that person at his usual or last known place of abode, or at the address given on the collar.

(5) Where any dog so seized has been detained for seven clear days after the seizure, or, in the case of such a notice as aforesaid having been served with respect to the dog, then for seven clear days after the service of the notice, and the owner has not claimed the dog and paid the prescribed fee in respect of its detention, the person in charge of the establishment for the reception of stray dogs in which the dog is detained may cause the dog to be sold or to be destroyed in a manner to cause as little pain as possible.

(6) Where any such dog as is mentioned in section (1) of this section is so badly injured that it is proper that it should be destroyed immediately, then, notwithstanding any other of the provisions of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of a police officer or of the person in charge of the establishment for the reception of stray dogs in which the dog is, on becoming aware of such injury to cause the dog to be promptly destroyed in a manner to cause as little pain as possible and in such case the cost of destroying the dog (not exceeding the sum of Three shillings and sixpence) may be recovered as a civil debt by the Island Police Committee or by such person, as the case may be, from the owner of the dog.

(7) No dog seized under the provisions of this section shall be given or sold for the purposes of vivisection.

(8) The Police Inspector shall cause to be kept a register of all dogs seized under this section. The register shall contain a brief description of the dog, the date of seizure and particulars as to the manner in which

the dog is disposed of by the police, and such register shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by any member of the public on payment of a fee not exceeding sixpence.

Register of  
stray dogs

(9) There shall be kept at every establishment for the reception of stray dogs a register containing a brief description of the dog, the date of its reception, and particulars of the manner in which it is disposed of by the establishment and such register shall at any reasonable time be open to inspection by a police officer without payment of any fee and by any other person on payment of a fee not exceeding sixpence.

Maintenance  
of detained  
dogs

(10) The police officer or other person having charge of any dog detained under this section shall cause the dog to be properly fed and maintained.

Expenses  
incurred

(11) All expenses incurred by the police under this section shall be defrayed out of Island Police funds and any money received by the police under this section shall be paid to the account of those funds.

Duties of  
finders of  
stray dogs

2.—(1) Any person (in this section referred to as “the finder”) who takes possession of a stray dog shall forthwith either —

(a) return the dog to its owner; or

(b) inform a police officer of the finding and if so required allow the police to take possession of the dog.

Finder who  
desires to  
become  
owner of  
a stray dog

(2) If the finder of a dog whose owner is unknown is desirous of becoming the new owner thereof the Police Inspector may allow him to keep it but without prejudice to the right on the part of the owner who has lost it to reclaim it. A finder who is allowed to keep possession of a dog which he has found shall thereupon be responsible for its care and for payment of the relative tax.

He shall be given by the Police Inspector a certificate in writing briefly narrating the facts in such form as the Police Inspector may prescribe and the

particulars on each such certificate shall be recorded in a register to be kept at the Police Station.

(3) If the finder fails to comply with any of the Finder not provisions of this section, he shall be liable on conviction <sup>complying</sup> with above to a fine not exceeding forty shillings.