



# Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023

## 2023 asp 1

### PART 4

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 27 Interpretation

In this Act—

“animal” means a vertebrate (other than a human) or an invertebrate,

“carcase” means the carcase of an animal and includes part of a carcase, and the meat, bones, hide, skin, hooves, offal or other part of an animal, separately or otherwise, or any portion of such a thing,

“constable” has the meaning given by section 99(1) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012,

“cover” means a place above ground in which a wild mammal may be concealed from sight, but does not include an enclosed place from which a wild mammal could not be flushed,

“deprivation order” has the meaning given by [section 21\(1\)](#),

“disqualification order” has the meaning given by [section 22\(1\)](#),

“hunting” is to be construed in accordance with [section 1\(3\)](#),

“livestock” means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, camelids, ratites, farmed deer, enclosed game birds or poultry, and for the purposes of this definition—

(a) “cattle” means bulls, cows, oxen, buffalo, heifers or calves,

(b) “horses” includes donkeys and mules,

(c) “farmed deer” means deer of any species which are on agricultural land enclosed by a deer-proof barrier and kept by way of business for the primary purpose of meat production,

(d) “enclosed game birds” means any pheasant, partridge, grouse (or moor game), black (or heath) game or ptarmigan that are being kept enclosed prior to their release for sporting purposes,

(e) “poultry” means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese or ducks,

“premises” has the meaning given by [paragraph 1](#) of the schedule,

“relevant authority” has the meaning given by [section 4\(6\)](#),

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“responsible for”, in relation to a dog, is to be construed in accordance with [section 2\(6\)](#),

“seizure order” has the meaning given by [section 23\(1\)](#),

“under control”, in relation to a dog, means that a person who is responsible for the dog is able to direct the dog’s activity by physical contact or verbal or audible command,

“veterinary surgeon” means a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons, or the supplementary veterinary register, kept under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966,

“wild mammal” has the meaning given by [section 1\(3\)](#),

“woodland” means land on which trees are grown, whether or not commercially, and includes any such trees and any vegetation planted or growing naturally among such trees on that land.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I2** S. 27 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

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