



Dogs Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 56 34 and 35 Vict

An Act to provide further Protection against Dogs.
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[24th July 1871]

Textual Amendments

- F1 Act repealed (S.) (26.2.2011) by [Control of Dogs \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 9\)](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 16)
- F2 This Act was repealed (N.I.) by [S.I. 1983/764 \(N.I. 8\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)
- C2 Words of enactment repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F3 [S.1](#) repealed by [Dogs Act 1906 \(c. 32\)](#), [Sch.](#)

2 **Dangerous dogs may be destroyed.**

Any court of summary jurisdiction may take cognizance of a complaint that a dog is dangerous, and not kept under proper control, and if it appears to the court having cognizance of such complaint that such dog is dangerous, the court may make an order in a summary way directing the dog to be kept by the owner under proper control or destroyed, . . . F4

Textual Amendments

- F4 Words repealed by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 \(c. 30, SIF 4:1\)](#), [s. 2 \(3\)\(a\)\(4\)](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 2 extended by [Dogs Act 1906 \(c. 32\), s. 1\(4\)](#); amended by [Dogs Amendment Act 1938 \(c. 21\)](#)
- C4** S. 2 explained (E.W.S.) (12.8.1991) by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 \(c. 65, SIF 4:1\), s. 3\(5\)](#); S.I. 1991/1742, [art. 3](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 3 repealed by [1974 c. 17, s. 9\(2\), Sch.](#)

4 Penalty how to be recovered.

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Textual Amendments

- F6** S.4 repealed by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 \(c. 30, SIF 4:1\), s. 2 \(3\)\(a\)\(4\)](#)

5 Definition of terms.

In this Act,—
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[^{F8}“court of summary jurisdiction” as regards Scotland has the same meaning as in section 462 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975.] . . . ^{F9}

Textual Amendments

- F7** Definitions of “local authority”, “local rate” and “Summary Jurisdiction Acts” repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\) and Rabies Act 1974 \(c. 17\), Sch.](#)
- F8** Words substituted by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 \(c. 30, SIF 4:1\), s. 2 \(2\)\(4\)](#)
- F9** Definitions of “police district”, “chief officer of police” and “highway” repealed by [Dogs Act 1906 \(c. 32\), Sch.](#)

6 Saving of local Acts and of 30 & 31. Vict. c. 134. s. 18.

This Act shall not affect the powers contained . . . ^{F10} in any local or other Act of Parliament for the same or like purposes; and in places where any such local or other Act is in force, proceedings may be taken under such local or other Act, or under this Act, as may be deemed expedient.

Textual Amendments

- F10** Words repealed by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 \(c. 30, SIF 4:1\), s. 2 \(3\)\(a\)\(4\)](#)

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7 Short title.

This Act may be cited as “The Dogs Act, 1871.”

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Textual Amendments

F11 Sch.repealed by Rabies Act 1974 (c. 17), Sch.

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