

THE DOG CONTROL REGULATIONS, 2015

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LEGAL NOTICE NO. 52

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE DOG CONTROL ACT, CHAP. 67:56

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 28 OF THE DOG CONTROL ACT, CHAP. 67:56 AND SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE DOG CONTROL REGULATIONS, 2015

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dog Control Regulations, Citation 2015.

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56;

Interpretation

Act No. 11 of 2013

“adult dog” means a dog which is not less than six months old;

“breeding dog” means an un-neutered female dog that is not less than six months old;

“full-time attendant” means a person who works, either paid or unpaid, at least forty hours per week;

“part-time attendant” means a person who works, either paid or unpaid, less than forty hours per week.

3. (1) A fence referred to in section 9 of the Act shall be constructed of 10 gauge chain link wire held together securely at intervals of no less than 3 metres (approximately 10 feet) by 0.05 metre (2 inch) galvanized steel pipes or concrete columns measuring not less than 0.20 metre (approximately 8 inches) square, at least 1 metre (approximately 3 feet) of which are to be embedded in the earth and affixed securely on a 0.6 m by 0.6 m (2 feet by 2 feet) footing. ^{Fence and wall dimensions}

(2) A wall referred to in section 9 of the Act shall be constructed of 0.1 metre by 0.2 metre by 0.41 metre (4 inches by 8 inches by 16 inches) concrete or clay blocks attached to concrete columns measuring at

least 0.30 metre (approximately 8 inches) square and at least 1 metre (approximately 3 feet) of which are to be embedded in the earth and affixed securely thereto by at least two buckets of concrete, each bucket having a capacity of 3 cubic feet.

(3) The fence and wall referred to in subregulations (1) and (2) respectively, shall be—

- (a) at least 2.44 metres (approximately 8 feet) high; and
- (b) constructed and maintained in such a way so that the dog is not able to dig or otherwise escape under, over or through the fence or wall.

Muzzle
requirements

4. A muzzle referred to in section 5(2)(a) of the Act shall—

- (a) be securely fitted and placed on the mouth of the dog to prevent the dog from biting any person;
- (b) be made of durable weather resistant materials consisting either of double ply nylon or leather with a thickness of at least 3 millimetres (approximately 0.12 inch);
- (c) be of an open basket weave design; and
- (d) not interfere with the breathing, panting or vision of the dog.

Lead and collar
requirements

5. A lead referred to in section 5(2)(b) of the Act shall—

- (a) be made of weather resistant materials consisting either of double ply nylon or leather with a thickness of at least 3 millimetres (approximately 0.12 inch);
- (b) be able to be securely fastened to the collar or harness on the dog with a snap lock which shall contain a swivel-type mechanism to allow for turning and such collar shall—
 - (i) be of double ply nylon, leather with a thickness of at least 3 millimetres (approximately 0.12 inch) or padded with a sturdily placed hook for attaching the lead; and
 - (ii) have a minimum width of—
 - (A) 25 millimetres (approximately 1 inch) for a dog weighing not less than 20 kilograms (approximately 44 pounds);
 - (B) 40 millimetres (approximately 1.5 inches) for a dog weighing not less than 20 kilograms (approximately 44 pounds) and not more than 40 kilograms (approximately 88 pounds); or
 - (C) 50 millimetres (approximately 2 inches) for a dog weighing more than 40 kilograms (approximately 88 pounds);

- (c) have a minimum width of 25 millimetres (approximately 1 inch); and
- (d) be not more than 1.25 metres (approximately 4 feet) in length.

6. Where there is a change in relation to information contained on the register referred to in section 6 of the Act, the owner of a class A dog shall notify the local authority in the form set out as Form 9 in Schedule 1.

7. A notice under section 18 of the Act shall—

Notice

- (a) be a white rectangle measuring 200 millimetres (approximately 8 inches) by 300 millimetres (approximately 12 inches);
- (b) be made of a durable material;
- (c) contain the word “WARNING” in white capital letters 30 millimetres (approximately 1 inch) high on a red rectangular panel measuring 190 millimetres (approximately 7.5 inches) by 45 millimetres (approximately 1.75 inches) near the top of the rectangle referred to in paragraph (a);
- (d) contain below the panel referred to in paragraph (c), a red circle 160 millimetres (approximately 6.5 inches) in diameter containing a picture of the black head and neck of a dog 100 millimetres (approximately 4 inches) high (whether in colour or black and white); and
- (e) contain below the circle referred to in paragraph (d)—
 - (i) in respect of a class A dog, the words “CLASS A DOG” in capital letters 20 millimetres (approximately 1 inch) high; or
 - (ii) in respect of a dangerous class B dog, the words “DANGEROUS CLASS B DOG” in capital letters 20 millimetres (approximately 1 inch) high; and

be as set out as Diagram 1 in Schedule 2.

Schedule 2

8. (1) The owner of a kennel shall at all times ensure that—

Operations of kennels

- (a) the dogs are kept in enclosures suitable with respect to construction, size of quarters, number of dogs, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;
- (b) the dogs are adequately supplied with suitable food, drink, bedding material, adequately exercised and visited at suitable intervals;

- (c) the dogs are treated for external parasites and all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious diseases among dogs;
 - (d) adequate and timely veterinary care is provided for sick or injured dogs;
 - (e) all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent and control injuries to the dogs (whether from the enclosure, other class A dogs or dangerous class B dogs);
 - (f) a breeding dog is not mated if they are less than one year old;
 - (g) a breeding dog does not give birth to more than six litters of pups each; and
 - (h) a breeding dog does not give birth to pups before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which it last gave birth to pups.
- (2) The owner of a kennel shall ensure that the staff to adult dog ratio is, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) one full-time attendant per twenty adult dogs; or
 - (b) one part-time attendant per ten adult dogs.
- (3) The enclosures referred to in subregulation (1)(a) shall—
- (a) be fully enclosed, constructed and maintained in such a way so that the dog is not able to dig or otherwise escape under, over or through the enclosure;
 - (b) be constructed in such a way so that a person cannot have access to the enclosure without the assistance of the owner of the kennel;
 - (c) be designed to prevent children from having access to the enclosure;
 - (d) have an area of not less than 32 feet (10 square metres) for each class A dog kept on the kennel premises;
 - (e) house only one class A dog per enclosure except where the class A dog is nursing or where the pups are less than six months old;
 - (f) have walls with a minimum height of 5.9 feet (1.8 metres) and a minimum width of 5.9 feet (1.8 metres);
 - (g) have a floor that is constructed of a non-skid, non-porous, non-corrosive material to minimize pooling of water and that is drained in such a manner so that there is no contact of waste water between enclosures;

- (h) have a weatherproof sleeping area for each dog in the enclosure;
- (i) have the walls, roof and the door or gate made of concrete blocks, clay blocks, iron or chain link wire or a combination of these materials, of sufficient strength and durability as described in regulation 3, to prevent the escape of the dog;
- (j) have a gate or door which shall contain a self-closing and self-latching mechanism that enables the enclosure to be securely locked when the dog is in the enclosure; and
- (k) be situated so as not to require a person to pass through it to gain access to other parts of the property on which it is situated.

(4) The owner of a kennel who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars.

9. The forms required to be prescribed under sections 6(1), 6(4), 7(1), 7(2), 7(5)(a)(i), 7(5)(a)(iv), 9(3), 9(4), 9(5), 25(1), 25(2) and 25(3) of the Act ^{forms} are the forms set out as Forms 1 to 12, respectively, in Schedule 1. Schedule 1

FORM 2

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF PARTICULARS ON REGISTER

[pursuant to section 6(4) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

This is to inform the Local Authority that the following particulars with respect to the class A dog registered as, have been changed:

Name of dog:

Description of dog (include any distinguishing features or marks):

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.....

Name of owner:

Address of owner:

.....

Identification Number: (Passport, I.D. Card or Driver's Permit).....

Telephone contact:

(home)

(business)

(mobile)

Address at which dog will be kept (if different from above):

.....
.....

Name of dog's veterinary surgeon:

Address of dog's veterinary surgeon:

.....

Telephone contact for veterinary surgeon:

.....

Signature of owner

.....

Date

FORM 3

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO OWN CLASS A DOG
[pursuant to section 7(1) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

I,
(Name of owner)

of
(Address)

hereby apply for a licence from the
(Name of Local Authority)

to own or keep in possession a class A dog at
(Address at which class A dog is to be kept)

.....

The following documents are hereby supplied:

- a certificate in accordance with Form 7;
- a policy of insurance in compliance with section 11 of the Dog Control Act, 2013;
- microchip number;
- a certificate in accordance with Form 9;
- proof of payment of the licence fee; and
- a certificate of good character issued by the Commissioner of Police.

.....
Signature of owner

.....
Date

For official use

FORM 4

LICENCE

[pursuant to section 7(1) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

I hereby certify that the dog wearing registration number and
identified by microchip number.....and owned
by and kept at premises situated
at is licensed in accordance with the Dog Control
Act, 2013 effective from..... to

Dated this day of 20 .. .

.....
Chief Executive Officer
Local Authority

FORM 5**REGISTER OF LICENCES OF CLASS A DOGS**

[pursuant to section 7(2) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

Date	Registration Number of dog	Microchip Number	Type of dog	Particulars of the Policy of Insurance	Owner / Keeper	Premises where dog is kept

FORM 6

**CERTIFICATE VERIFYING THAT PREMISES ON WHICH CLASS A
DOG IS TO BE KEPT HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND APPROVED**
[pursuant to section 7(5)(a)(i) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

I hereby certify that the premises situate at
(Address of premises on which dog is to be kept)

and owned by
(Name of owner of premises)

was inspected on
(Date on which premises were inspected)

and found to be suitable for the accommodation of a class A dog in accordance with the
Dog Control Act, 2013.

.....
Authorized Officer
Local Authority

.....
Date

FORM 7

CERTIFICATE OF CLASS A DOG

[pursuant to section 7(5)(a)(iv) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

Part A

This is to certify that the dog with the particulars listed in Part B is a class A dog and more particularly—

- a dog of the type listed in the Schedule of the Dog Control Act, 2013 or any dog bred therefrom; or
- a dog which has the appearance and physical characteristics predominantly conforming to the standards of any of the types listed in the Schedule of the Dog Control Act, 2013 as established by the Federation Cynologique Internationale, United Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club or the American Kennel Club.

Part B

Name of dog

Age of dog

Type of dog

Description of dog (include any distinguishing features or marks)
.....
.....

Gender of dog: male female spayed/neutered
(include proof of spaying/neutering)

Microchip Number (if any)

Name of owner

Address of owner

Identification number of owner: (Passport, I.D. Card or Driver's Permit)

Veterinary surgeon

Date

FORM 8

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICER
[pursuant to section 9(3) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

This is to certify that
(Name of Authorized Officer)

is hereby authorized to enter upon, remain and inspect the premises situate at
.....
(address of premises)

for the purpose of ensuring that the premises are in compliance with section 9 of the Dog Control Act, 2013.

.....
Chief Executive Officer
Local Authority

.....
Date

FORM 9

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

[pursuant to section 9(4) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

This is to certify that the premises situated at

(Address)

were inspected by me,

(Authorized Officer of the Local Authority)

holder of the office of in the

(Title of Office)

.....

(Name of Local Authority)

and these premises meet the requirements of the Dog Control Act, 2013, for the

keeping of a class A dog owned/kept by

(Name of Owner/Keeper)

.....

*Authorized Officer
Local Authority*

.....

Date

FORM 10

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR SECURING OF PREMISES
[pursuant to section 9(5) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

TAKE NOTICE that the premises
(name of owner/keeper of class A dog)

situated at
(Address)

were inspected by me,
(Authorized Officer of the Local Authority)

holder of the office of in the
(Title of Office)

.....
(Name of Local Authority)

on and these premises do not meet the requirements of
(date)

Section 9(1) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56, for the keeping of a class A dog
owned/kept by you as set out hereunder:

- (1)
(2)
(3)
(4)

You are directed to comply with this Notice within days.

.....
Authorized Officer Date
Local Authority

FORM 11

NOTICE DIRECTING OWNER/KEEPER TO COMPLY WITH DOG CONTROL ACT

[pursuant to section 25(1) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

TAKE NOTICE of
(name of owner/keeper of class A dog)

.....
(Address of owner/keeper)

that you are not in compliance with section(s) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56, as set out hereunder:

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

You are directed to comply with this Notice within seven (7) days. Your class A dog will be impounded at
(registration number/microchip number)

.....
(name and address of premises where dog will be impounded)

until you have complied with this Notice.

.....
Authorized Officer
Local Authority

.....
Date

FORM 12

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

[pursuant to section 25(2) and 25(3) of the Dog Control Act, Chap. 67:56]

TAKE NOTICE

(name of owner/keeper)

of

(address of owner/keeper)

that you have not complied with the Notice Directing Owner/Keeper to comply with the

Dog Control Act issued on

(date)

Failure to comply with the Notice Directing Owner/Keeper to comply with the Dog

Control Act issued on within three days of receiving this

Notice of Non-Compliance will result in your class A dog

(registration number/microchip number)

being destroyed by a veterinary surgeon in a manner to cause as little pain as possible.

.....

Authorized Officer
Local Authority

.....

Date

SCHEDULE 2

(Section 18)

Diagram 1



Dated this 7th day of April, 2015.

M. COUDRAY
Minister of Local Government