

No. 694.

Regulations made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 3 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1927, Ordinance No. 21 of 1927, on the 24th day of November, 1927.

The regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, and published on pages 155, 156, 157 and 158 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, amended as appearing in Government Notifications Nos. 174 of 1926, 184 of 1926 and 210 of 1926, are hereby rescinded and the following regulations are substituted therefor.

1. No person shall keep a dog over the age of three months except under and in accordance with a licence from the Captain Superintendent of Police: Provided that this regulation shall not apply to any dog kept in any dogs home approved or authorized by or under these regulations, or to any dog kept in the New Territories (other than New Kowloon).
2. The fee payable for each male dog included in such licence shall be three dollars, and for each female dog six dollars.
3. No fee shall be payable for any dog where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Captain Superintendent of Police that such dog is kept by an agriculturist solely as a watch dog and is necessary for that purpose.
4. Every licence shall expire on 31st day of December of the year in which it is taken out.
- 5.—(1) With each licence the Captain Superintendent of Police shall, without extra fee, issue for each dog included in such licence a metal badge duly numbered, and the owner of the dog shall see that such badge is worn by the dog either attached to its collar or otherwise fastened on to its neck, and any dog found without such badge may be captured and detained or may be shot by any police officer or by any person authorized by the Captain Superintendent of Police.
(2) No person shall allow any such badge to be worn except by the dog in respect of which the badge was issued.
(3) If the Captain Superintendent of Police is satisfied that a badge has been lost he may issue another badge in respect of the same dog on payment of a fee of one dollar.
6. Any dog which appears to be suffering from rabies or mange, and which does not appear to be at the time under the control of any person, may be captured and detained, or may be shot or otherwise destroyed, by any police officer or any person authorized by the Captain Superintendent of Police.
7. The dogs home kept by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at Waterloo Road, Kowloon, shall be an approved dogs home for the purpose of these regulations.
8. Every person having the custody control or care of any dog which has or may reasonably be suspected of having rabies, or of any dog which has been or may reasonably be suspected having been in contact with any case of rabies or suspected rabies, shall report the fact to the nearest police station without delay.
9. Every person having the custody, control or care of any dog which has or is suspected of having rabies, or which is suspected of having been in contact with a case of rabies or suspected rabies, shall comply with all the requirements of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon with regard thereto.

10. If the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon is of opinion that any dog is or may be suffering from rabies, or that any dog has been or may reasonably be suspected of having been in contact with any case of rabies or suspected rabies, it may be destroyed by him or by any person by his orders.

11. In Regulations 12 to 20 (both inclusive) :—

- (a) "Dogs Quarantine Station" means the place for the time being set apart by the Government for the quarantine of dogs.
- (b) "Quarantine permit" means a permit by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon solely for the purpose of enabling a dog which is to be or which has been imported into the Colony to be taken to the Dogs Quarantine Station.

12. No owner or person having the custody control or care of any dog shall allow such dog to be imported into the Colony, or, if already so imported by water, to be landed in the Colony, or, if already so imported by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, to be removed from the premises of the Railway, until he has received from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon either a permit to import or a quarantine permit.

13. Subject to the provisions of Regulations 14 and 15, no permit to import may be issued except on the production to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon of :—

- (a) a certificate to the satisfaction of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, dated not more than two months before the dog is imported or brought into the Colony, from a duly qualified veterinary surgeon or a medical officer of health or a British consular authority, that for a period of six months immediately prior to the date of such certificate no case of rabies has been known to occur in any district in which such dog has been : and
- (b) in case of a dog imported by water a statutory declaration by the master of the vessel by which such dog has been imported, or (alternatively) by the owner if he has travelled on the vessel with the dog, that no case of rabies has occurred on board the vessel during the voyage.

14. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon may in his discretion, on being satisfied that no case of rabies has occurred in the place or places where such dog has been during the period of six months immediately preceding such importation, or that there is no reasonable fear of such dog having been in contact with rabies, dispense with the certificate referred to in paragraph (a) of Regulation 13.

15. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon may in his discretion, and on such conditions as he thinks fit, grant in advance a permit to import in respect of any duly licensed sporting dog to allow such dog when taken into Chinese territory to be brought back therefrom.

16. The owners charterers and agents of any vessel which arrives in the waters of the Colony having on board any dog consigned to or intended for any person in the Colony shall report the arrival of such dog forthwith to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, giving the name and address of the owner or consignee of such dog and the description of such dog.

17. The master of any vessel which arrives in the water of the Colony shall not permit any dog to be removed from such vessel until there shall have been produced to him a permit to import or a quarantine permit issued by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon in respect of such dog.

18. The owner or person having the custody control or care of any dog in respect of which he has received a quarantine permit shall at his own expense immediately after receiving such permit take such dog to the Dogs Quarantine Station to be detained there for such period as the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon may prescribe.

19. The fee payable by the owner of any dog while in the Dogs Quarantine Station shall be 10 cents per day. All fees shall be payable at the end of each month at latest, and in any case before the removal of the dog from the Dogs Quarantine Station. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon may destroy any dog in respect of which the fees due remain unpaid for a period of 15 days after becoming due, without prejudice to the recovery from the owner of all fees and other sums then due, or may sell such dog and out of the proceeds of sale thereof defray the amount of such fees. No compensation shall be payable to the owner of any dog so destroyed or sold.

20. Every dog while in the Dogs Quarantine Station shall be at the risk of the owner and no liability shall attach to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon or to any other person in respect of such dog.

21. No dog shall be allowed to go abroad in the public thoroughfares or elsewhere unless it is either muzzled or on the lead, and any dog found abroad in the public thoroughfares or elsewhere which is neither muzzled nor on the lead may be captured and detained, or may be shot or otherwise destroyed, by any police officer or by any person authorized by the Captain Superintendent of Police: Provided that this regulation shall not apply to the New Territories (other than New Kowloon).

22. Except with the permission in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon no dog shall be removed from or landed on the Island of Hong Kong.

23. Except with the permission in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon no dog shall be brought from the New Territories (other than New Kowloon) into any other part of the Colony.

24. No dog which is kept on board a vessel of any description in the waters of the Colony shall be landed or be allowed to go ashore unless the permission in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon to the landing or going ashore of such dog shall have been first obtained:

25. No dog shall be landed on Stonecutters Island.

26. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon shall have absolute discretion to refuse any permit or permission which he is authorized by these regulations to issue or give.

27. It shall be lawful for the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon to attach any conditions whatsoever to any permit or permission issued or given by him under these regulations, and such conditions shall be duly observed and complied with by the grantee.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

24th November, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 695.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 21 of 1927.—An Ordinance to make provision for regulating the keeping of dogs and for the prevention of the importation and spread of rabies.