

## THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT

REGULATIONS  
(under section 12)

## THE RABIES REGULATIONS, 1948

(Made by the Governor in Executive Council on the 1st day of  
October, 1948)

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rabies Regulations, 1948.
2. In these Regulations "inspector" means an inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act.
- 3.—(1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, rabies or the carcass of an animal so affected or suspected shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal being or having been so affected or suspected to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.  
(2) Every veterinary surgeon who upon examining any animal or the carcass of any animal is of opinion or suspects that such animal is or was when it died or was slaughtered affected with rabies shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.  
(3) Every such constable upon receiving any such notice shall—
  - (a) forthwith transmit the information by telegram either to the Director of Veterinary Services or to an inspector; and
  - (b) so soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Director of Veterinary Services the transmission by telegram of such information.  
(4) Where any constable suspects by reason of the appearance or behaviour of any animal (the ownership of which cannot be immediately established) that such animal is or was at the time when it died or was slaughtered affected with rabies he shall act in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) in the same way as if notice had been given to him by the person having such animal in his possession or under his charge.

4.—(1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge a dog or cat or any carcass thereof affected with or suspected of being affected with rabies shall forthwith detain and isolate in a kennel, shed or other building—

(a) the dog or cat or carcass thereof so affected or suspected;

(b) any other dog or cat or other animal which has been in contact with any such affected or suspected dog or cat,

until any Isolation Notice served on him under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (2) has been withdrawn.

(2) An inspector having reasonable ground to suspect the existence of rabies shall forthwith make a report thereof to the Director of Veterinary Services (if this has not already been done by the constable in charge of the police station) and shall proceed with all practicable speed to the place where such disease exists or is suspected to exist and shall forthwith serve on the owner or person in charge of any dog or cat or carcass thereof affected with, or suspected of being affected with, rabies—

(a) an Isolation Notice in the Form 1 in the Schedule; and

(b) in any case in which any other dog or cat or any other animal has been in contact with such dog or cat or any carcass thereof, an Isolation Notice in one or other of the Forms 2, 3 or 4 in the Schedule as the case may be.

Schedule.  
Form 1.

Forms 2,  
3 and 4.

(3) A notice under this regulation shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a further notice in writing signed by the inspector in the Form 5 in the Schedule.

Form 5.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation a dog or cat shall be deemed to have been in contact with another dog or cat or with the carcass thereof if it has, in the opinion of the inspector, in any manner been exposed to the risk of infection.

5.—(1) Where information is received by an inspector of the existence or suspected existence of rabies in any animal or carcass he or some other inspector under the Act shall, with a view to ascertaining the correctness of such information, forthwith examine the animal or carcass.

(2) An inspector shall perform a *post mortem* examination on the carcass of every animal which he has reason to suspect was at the time when it died or was slaughtered affected with, or suspected of

being affected with, rabies and unless the inspector is satisfied as a result of his enquiry that the animal was not so affected when it died or was slaughtered, he shall forthwith forward to the Senior Veterinary Officer such information and material in such manner as may be required by the Senior Veterinary Officer who shall cause an examination thereof to be made and a certificate of the result of such examination to be given.

(3) The result of an examination under paragraph (2) shall be communicated to the constable in charge of the nearest police station and to the owner or person in charge of the carcass.

6. The constable in charge of the nearest police station shall cause to be slaughtered every dog and cat which is affected with, or is suspected of being affected with, rabies or which is shown to the satisfaction of an inspector to have been bitten by a dog or cat so affected or suspected of being affected.

7.—(1) Where the owner or other person in charge of any dog or cat fails to comply with the terms of any notice under paragraph (2) of regulation 3, an inspector may seize the animal and thereupon the Director of Veterinary Services shall detain and isolate it at such place as he may direct at the expense of the owner or other person in charge of the animal.

(2) Where any animal has been detained and isolated by the Director of Veterinary Services in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1), the owner or other person in charge of the animal shall within fourteen days after demand in writing by the Director of Veterinary Services has been made requiring him to take charge of the animal and to pay the expenses of detaining and isolating such animal, pay such expenses and remove such animal.

(3) Where the owner or person in charge of an animal fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph (2), the Director of Veterinary Services may destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal and may institute proceedings for the recovery of all expenses incurred by him.

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 4 (providing for the *post mortem* examination of the carcass of a diseased or suspected animal) the carcass of an animal which at the time of its death was affected with, or was suspected of being affected with, rabies shall be disposed of by the constable in charge of the nearest police station by one or other of the following methods—

- (a) the carcass shall be buried in its skin in some proper place at a depth of not less than six feet below the surface of the ground and such carcass shall be covered with quicklime; or
- (b) the carcass shall be burnt; or
- (c) the carcass shall be disinfected and shall be taken to a horse slaughterer's or knacker's yard or other suitable place and shall there be destroyed by exposure to a high temperature or by chemical agents.

(2) Where a carcass is buried in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) the skin shall prior to burial be so slashed with a knife as to render such skin useless.

9. Every kennel, shed, building, pen, sty or other enclosure, and any litter, bedding, feeding or drinking utensil or any hurdle or sleeping basket or any other thing used by, or which has been in contact with, a diseased or suspected dog or cat either before or after its death shall be disinfected by the owner or other person in charge thereof in such manner as an inspector may direct.

10. No person, except with the written permission of an inspector, shall dig up or cause to be dug up the carcass of any animal which has been buried.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

(Regulation 4(2)(a))

*Notice to Owner or Person in Charge of any Dog or Cat Affected with  
or Suspected of being Affected with Rabies*

To.....  
(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)

I,.....being an inspector appointed under  
(Name of inspector)

the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, hereby require the under-  
mentioned animal, namely.....of which you  
are the owner or which is in your charge, to be detained and isolated in accord-  
ance with the provisions of this notice at.....

The abovementioned animal shall be detained at such place until this notice  
is withdrawn by a notice in writing signed by an inspector under the Act.  
During that period the animal shall not be permitted to come in contact with  
any other animal.

Dated this.....day of.....19..

(Signature).....

(Title of office).....

FORM 2

(Regulation 4(2) (b) )

*Notice to Owner or Person in Charge of a Dog or other Canine Animal  
or Cat Exposed to Infection of Rabies*

To.....  
(Owner or Person in Charge and Address)

I,.....being an inspector under the Act  
(Name of inspector)

hereby require the undermentioned animal, namely.....  
of which you are the owner or person in charge, to be detained and isolated in  
accordance with the provisions of this notice at.....

The abovementioned animal shall be moved to the said place of detention  
within twenty-four hours after service of this notice, and shall, if moved by  
railway or along a highway or thoroughfare, be confined in a suitable hamper,  
or crate, box, or other receptacle and be muzzled with a wire cage muzzle.

The said animal shall be detained at the said place of detention until the  
notice is withdrawn by a subsequent notice in writing signed by an inspector  
under the Act, and during that period shall not be permitted to come into  
contact with any other animal.

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SCHEDULE, *contd.*

If the said animal should die or be lost during that period the death or loss shall forthwith be reported by the person then in charge of the animal to the Director of Veterinary Services, Hope, Kingston.

This notice must be produced by the person in charge of the animal at any time on demand for inspection by an inspector.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....

(Title of Office).....

FORM 3

(Regulation 4(2) (b) )

*Notice to Owner or Person in Charge Requiring Isolation of  
Ruminating Animals or Pigs*

To.....  
(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)

I,.....being an inspector hereby require  
(Name of inspector)

the undermentioned animal, namely.....  
of which you are the owner or which is in your charge to be kept at

.....  
(description of farm, or field, shed, building, etc.)

and I hereby require you to take notice that, in consequence of this notice and the provisions of the Rabies Regulations, 1948, it is unlawful for any person, until this notice is withdrawn by a notice in writing by an inspector, to move from or out of such place of detention any animal to which this notice applies, except with permission in writing from an inspector under the Act.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....

(Title of Office).....

N.B.—An animal to which this notice applies may at any time be slaughtered by the owner.

FORM 4

(Regulation 4(2)(b) )

*Notice to Owner or Person in Charge Requiring Isolation of  
Horses, Asses or Mules*

To.....  
(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)

I,.....being an inspector under the Act,  
(Name of inspector)

hereby require the undermentioned animal, namely.....  
of which you are the owner or which is in your charge to be kept at

.....and I hereby require you to take notice  
that, in consequence of this notice and the provisions of the Rabies Regulations,

SCHEDULE, *contd.*FORM 4, *contd.*

1948, it is unlawful for any person, until this notice is withdrawn by permission in writing of an inspector, to move from or out of such place of detention any animal to which this notice applies, except with permission in writing from an inspector and subject to the condition that the animal shall not be absent from the premises specified in the notice for a period of more than eighteen hours.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....

(Title of Office).....

N.B.—An animal to which this notice applies may at any time be slaughtered by the owner.

## FORM 5

(Regulation 4(3) )

*Withdrawal Notice*

To.....  
(Name of Owner or Person in Charge)

I,.....being an inspector appointed under  
(Name of inspector)

the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, do hereby withdraw, as from the  
.....day of.....19....., the notice  
relating to premises in your occupation at.....  
dated the.....day of.....19..... signed by  
.....and served upon you on the.....day  
of.....19.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature).....

(Title of Office).....