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## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

### RABIES ORDER

*made under section 10*

Commencement.

[10th February 1955]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the –

**RABIES ORDER.**

Notification of diseased animal.

2. (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 any animal so affected or suspected of being so affected shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal being or having been so affected or suspected, to the police officer in charge of the nearest police station.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon or inspector who, upon examining any animal or the carcass of any animal, is of opinion, or suspects that the 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 police officer in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every police officer upon receiving the notice shall –

(a) forthwith transmit the information either to the Chief Technical Officer or to an inspector; and

(b) so soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Chief Technical Officer the transmission of the information.

(4) Where any police officer suspects by reason of the appearance or behaviour of any animal (the ownership of which cannot be immediately established) that the animal is or was at the time when it died or was slaughtered affected with rabies, he shall act in accordance with subclause (3) in the same way as if notice had been given to him by the person having the animal in his possession or under his charge.

Isolation of animals.

3. (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until any isolation notice served on him under subclause (2)(a) or (2)(b) has been withdrawn.

(2) An inspector having reasonable ground to suspect the existence of rabies shall forthwith make a report thereof to the Chief Technical Officer (if this has not already been done by the police officer in charge of the police station) and shall proceed with all practicable speed to the place where the 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 as set out in Form 1 in clause 10; 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 of clause 10 as the case may be.

(3) A notice under this clause shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a further notice in writing signed by the inspector as set out in Form 5 in clause 10.

(4) For the purposes of this section, 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.

4. (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 the information, forthwith examine the animal or carcass.

Examination of  
diseased animals.

(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 inquiry that the animal was not so affected when it so died or was slaughtered, he shall forthwith forward to the veterinary officer such information and material in such manner as may be required by the

veterinary officer who shall cause an examination thereof to be made and a certificate of the result of the examination to be given.

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

Destruction of  
dogs and cats.

5. The police officer 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.

Expenses of  
isolation.

6. (1) Where the owner or other person in charge of any dog or cat fails to comply with the terms of any notice under clause 3(2), an inspector may seize the animal and thereupon the Chief Technical Officer 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 Chief Technical Officer in accordance with subclause (1), the owner or other person in charge of the animal shall, within fourteen days after demand in writing by the Chief Technical Officer has been made requiring him to take charge of the animal and to pay the expenses of detaining and isolating the animal, pay the expenses and remove the animal.

(3) Where the owner or person in charge of an animal fails to comply with subclause (2), the Chief Technical Officer may destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal and may institute proceedings for the recovery of all expenses incurred by him.

Disposal of  
carcasses of  
diseased animals.

7. (1) Subject to clause 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 police officer 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 the 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 subclause (1)(a), the skin shall prior to burial be so slashed with a knife as to render the skin useless.

8. 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.

Disinfection of things in contact with diseased dogs and cats.

9. 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.

Exhumation of carcasses prohibited.

10. The following forms shall be used for the purposes of this Order.

Forms.

FORM 1

(Clause 3(2)).

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 (name of Inspector)

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

The above-mentioned 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 into contact with any other animal.

Dated.....,19.....

Signed..... (Title of Office)

(Clause 3(2)).

## FORM 2

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

*(Name of Inspector)*

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

The above-mentioned animals 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.

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 Chief Technical Officer.

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

Dated....., 19..... (Signature).....

*(Title of Office)*

FORM 3

(Clause 3(2)).

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  
*(Name of Inspector)*  
under the Act hereby require the under-mentioned 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 Rabies Order, 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....., 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

(Clause 3(2)).

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  
*(Name of Inspector)*

under the Act, hereby require the under-mentioned 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 of the Rabies Order, 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....., 19..... (Signature).....  
(Title of Office)

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



(Clause 3(3)).

FORM 5

WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

To.....  
(Name of owner or person in charge)

I,.....being an Inspector  
(Name of Inspector)

under the Animals Diseases Act, do hereby withdraw as from....., 19....., the notice relating to premises in your occupation at..... dated.....19.....signed by..... and served upon.....,19.....

Dated....., 19..... (Signature).....  
(Title of Office)

