

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2014 No. 32

**The Animal Welfare (Prohibited Operations)  
(Amendment) Regulations, 2014**

*Made*

*20th May 2014*

*Coming into operation*

*1st July, 2014*

*Laid before the States*

*, 2014*

**THE COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT**, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 2(6) and 79 of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012<sup>a</sup> and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

**Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Ordinance.**

1. Schedule 1 to the Ordinance is amended as follows -

(a) after item (l), omit the word "and", and ,

(b) for item (m) substitute-

"(m) ear docking, or the removal of the dew claws,  
of a dog, and

(n) tail docking of a dog unless -

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<sup>a</sup> Ordinance No. III of 2012.

- (i) the operation is carried out by a recognised veterinary surgeon –
  - (A) on a Springer Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel or Field Spaniel or the progeny of cross breeding between any of the said breeds of Spaniel,
  - (B) when the dog is less than 7 days old, and
  - (C) who at the same time identifies the dog, by means of a microchip, as having met the requirements in this sub-item and sub-item (ii),
- (ii) the owner of such a dog is the holder of a licence issued under section 20A of the Firearms (Guernsey) Law, 1998 ("**hunting permit**") and he has shown the hunting permit, or a certified copy of the same, to the recognised veterinary surgeon who is to carry out the operation before the operation is carried out, and
- (iii) the recognised veterinary surgeon in question –

(A) certifies on a form provided for the purpose by the Department, that the requirements in sub-items (i) and (ii) will be met at the time the operation is carried out, and

(B) sends a copy of such form to the Department,

before the operation is carried out."

**Interpretation.**

2. (1) In these Regulations "the Ordinance" means the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012, and other expressions, unless the context requires otherwise, have the same meanings as in Ordinance.

(2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948<sup>b</sup> applies to the interpretation of these Regulations.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to an enactment is a reference thereto as from time to time amended, re-enacted (with or without modification), extended or applied.

**Citation and commencement.**

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Welfare (Prohibited

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<sup>b</sup> Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 355.

Operations) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 and shall come into force on the 1st July, 2014.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014

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K. A. Stewart

Minister of the States Commerce and Employment Department

For and on behalf of the Department

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend Schedule 1 to the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012. The Schedule sets out operations on animals the carrying out of which is an offence unless carried out as emergency first aid or by a recognised veterinary surgeon for the purpose of treating disease or injury.

Tail docking of dogs is such a prohibited operation. These Regulations amend the Schedule to provide an exception for tail docking of certain breeds of dog that are commonly used for hunting (Springer Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel or Field Spaniel or the progeny of cross breeding between any of the said breeds of Spaniel), provided that-

- (a) the operation is carried out by a veterinary surgeon when the dog is less than 7 days old and the dog is identified at the time of the operation, by means of a microchip, as having met the requirements of the exception,
- (b) the owner is the holder of a valid hunting permit and he has provided that permit, or a certified copy, to the veterinary surgeon prior to the operation being carried out, and
- (c) the veterinary surgeon certifies (on a form provided by the Commerce and Employment Department) that the requirements of the exception will be met, and sends a copy of the same to the Department, before

the operation is carried out.

These Regulations come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014.