

THE LAWS OF ZANZIBAR

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A Decree to enable Straying Animals to be Impounded

[8TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.]

Short title.

1. This Decree may be cited as the Pound Decree.

No animal to
be allowed to
stray.

2. No person being the owner, hirer, or for the time being the keeper of any animal or animals whether domestic or otherwise of any description whatsoever shall permit such animal to wander or stray in or upon any public or private premises, lands, streets, roads, or thoroughfares the property of the Government or of any corporation or individual other than the property of the owner, hirer or keeper as aforesaid of such animal or animals, or property the user whereof has been duly authorised in that behalf.

Penalty for
permitting
animal to
stray.

3. Any person as aforesaid who permits any animal so to stray or wander shall be liable on first conviction to a fine not exceeding seventy-five shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, or to both, and on a subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.

Power to
seize and
impound
straying
animal.

4. Any member of the Zanzibar Police Force may seize any such animal so wandering or straying as aforesaid and convey such animal to any place that may be appointed by the British Resident for the reception thereof, and in the event of such animal not being claimed by its owner or other person as aforesaid and any charges and expenses incidental to its seizure and maintenance not being paid by such owner or other person as aforesaid within seven days from such seizure, the said animal may be sold by public auction, and the proceeds of such

auction sale, after deduction of the charges and expenses as aforesaid and incidental to the said sale, shall be handed to such person as shall satisfy the Commissioner of Police that he is the proper person to receive the same:

Provided that in the case of any cat so seized it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Police to impound such cat for a period of forty-eight hours from the time of its seizure and, if within that time the owner or other person as aforesaid has failed to claim it and pay any charges and expenses incidental to its seizure and maintenance, to destroy or otherwise dispose of it in such manner as the Commissioner of Police may think fit. 26 of 1937,
s.2.

5.—(1) Any person the owner, occupier or in charge of any immovable property as before described may seize any such animal so wandering or straying as aforesaid and convey the same or cause to be conveyed to the place appointed under section 4 or hand over the said animal to any member of the Zanzibar Police Force for conveyance thereto. Seizure of
straying
animal by
owner of
property.

(2) Any such person or any member of the Zanzibar Police Force who has seized or received any such animal so seized as aforesaid as the case may be may apply to any magistrate for a summons against the person described in sections 2 and 3.

6. Any animal that has been seized as aforesaid by a member of the Zanzibar Police Force or by any person as aforesaid may in the discretion of the Commissioner of Police or officer in charge of the pound be examined by a veterinary officer or such other officer as the British Resident may appoint in that behalf. Any such animal which in the opinion of the said veterinary or other officer is suffering from such a disease or injury as to render it necessary or advisable that such animal be slaughtered or destroyed or otherwise dealt with in the circumstances may be so slaughtered, destroyed or otherwise dealt with at the expense of the owner or keeper thereof (if known) and the said owner or keeper shall have no claim for any compensation in respect thereof against the Government or any officer thereof who acts in good faith. Disposal of
animal
seized.

7. The Resident in Council may from time to time make Rules prescribing the charges to be levied in respect of any animal seized under this Decree generally for carrying out the provisions of this Decree. Power to
make Rules.
G.N.
74 of 1956.