



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

**THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3847 OF 11TH AUGUST, 1955.
LEGISLATION.**

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 31 OF 1955.

A LAW TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE
LICENSING AND CONTROL OF DOGS IN ALL PLACES IN THE COLONY.

R. P. ARMITAGE,]
Governor.

[*5th August, 1955.*

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Dogs Law, 1955.

Short title.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ appropriate authority ” means—

- (a) in any area of a municipal corporation the municipal council of such corporation or any person appointed or authorized in that behalf by such council ;
- (b) in an improvement area the Board established for such area under the Villages (Administration and Improvement) Laws, 1950 and 1953, or any person appointed or authorized in that behalf by such Board ;
- (c) in all other places the mukhtar of the quarter or village ;

“ authorized person ” means any person appointed by the appropriate authority to exercise powers and perform duties under the provisions of the Law ;

“ cattle ” includes horses, mules, donkeys, goats, sheep and swine ;

“ dog ” includes bitch but does not include an unweaned puppy ;

“ owner ”, in relation to a dog, includes any person by whom the dog is being kept ;

“ prescribed ” means prescribed by the appropriate authority by notice in the *Gazette*.

“ stray dog ” means a dog found wandering on a public road or in any other place to which the public has access without proper control and creating a nuisance ;

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Application of Law.

3. The provisions of this Law shall apply to all places in the Colony.

Licence to keep dog.
First Schedule.

4.—(1) No person shall keep a dog unless he has obtained a licence in that behalf from the appropriate authority in the form set out in the First Schedule.

(2) Every licence shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year in which it is issued.

Second Schedule.

(3) There shall be paid into the Fund or revenue of the appropriate authority for every licence the fees set out in the Second Schedule.

(4) The appropriate authority shall keep a register specifying the name, address and occupation of each person to whom, and the number or class of dogs in respect of which, a licence is issued.

(5) Where the holder of any licence issued under this section sells or parts with the ownership of the dog in respect of which the licence was issued to any other person, such licence may, on the joint application of such holder and of such other person, be transferred by endorsement thereon to the name of such other person for the unexpired period thereof, and no fee shall be charged in respect of any such transfer.

Refusal of
licence in
certain cases.

5.—(1) The appropriate authority may refuse to grant a licence to any person or may withdraw any licence granted to any person to keep a dog for any of the following reasons :—

- (a) that the dog is shown to be dangerous to members of the public or to cattle or domestic animals, or is a public nuisance ;
- (b) that the person who has applied for a licence has been convicted of an offence under the Cruelty to Animals Law or any Law amending or substituted for the same ;
- (c) that the dog is kept under conditions which are dangerous to public health.

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(2) Any person whose licence to keep a dog has been refused or withdrawn shall forthwith deliver such dog to the appropriate authority for disposal or destruction by the said authority in such manner as may be prescribed, and, if he fails so to do, such dog may be seized and detained for such disposal or destruction :

Provided that no such dog shall be disposed of or destroyed until the expiration of seven days from such refusal or withdrawal of the licence or, in the case of an appeal to the Commissioner, until his decision thereon has been given upholding the decision of the appropriate authority to refuse the grant or withdrawal of the licence.

(3) Any person aggrieved by—

- (a) the refusal of the appropriate authority to grant a licence ;
- (b) the withdrawal of a licence,

may, within seven days from the date of such refusal or withdrawal, appeal in writing to the Commissioner and shall, within the period aforesaid, serve a copy of the appeal on the appropriate authority.

(4) The decision of the Commissioner on any such appeal shall be final.

6.—(1) The appropriate authority shall supply the licensee, free of charge, with a badge to be worn by the dog for which the licence is issued.

Badges

(2) If it is proved to the appropriate authority that a badge supplied under the provisions of sub-section (1) has been lost or destroyed, the appropriate authority shall, upon payment of 50 mils, issue to the licensee a duplicate badge.

(3) The licensee shall return such badge to the appropriate authority if he ceases to keep the dog in respect of which the badge has been issued, or if the dog dies during the currency of the licence.

(4) Every licensee shall, within a reasonable time after demand, produce his licence for inspection by any person authorized by the appropriate authority or by any member of the Cyprus Police Force.

7.—(1) Any person who—

- (a) keeps a dog without a licence ;
- (b) keeps a dog in contravention of any section of this Law ;
- (c) does any act with intent to, or which is likely to, defraud the appropriate authority in the registration or control of dogs in pursuance of this Law ;

Offences and
penalty.