

Animals and Birds (Pigeons) Rules

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Pigeons) Rules.

Definitions

2. In these Rules —

“Licensing Officer” means the Director of Primary Production and includes any officer duly authorised by him in writing;

“pigeon” includes all varieties of the domestic pigeon;

“premises” includes any house, hut, shed, cage, coop, eave, ceiling, enclosure or structure whether roofed or not;

“stray pigeon” means any pigeon the ownership of which cannot be established.

Licences

- 3.—(1) No person shall use any premises for the keeping, harbouring, roosting, nesting or breeding of pigeons without a licence issued by the Licensing Officer under these Rules.

(2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 and to forfeiture of the pigeons by the Licensing Officer.

Application for licence

4.—(1) Every application for the issue or renewal of a licence issued under these Rules shall be made in such form as may be required by the Licensing Officer.

(2) The Licensing Officer may refuse to issue or renew a licence issued under these Rules without assigning any reason.

(3) A licence issued under these Rules shall not be transferred without the approval in writing of the Licensing Officer.

(4) A licence issued under these Rules shall be in the form set out in the Schedule.

Fee

5. The fee for such a licence shall be \$40 and shall, unless otherwise previously revoked, expire on 31st December in each year.

Revocation of licence

6.—(1) The Licensing Officer may revoke a licence without assigning any reason.

(2) Where the Licensing Officer has revoked a licence under paragraph (1), he shall forthwith inform the licensee by notice in writing of the revocation.

(3) The person whose licence has been revoked under this rule shall within 7 days deliver the pigeons to the Licensing Officer at such place as may be specified in the notice.

(4) Any pigeon so delivered to the Licensing Officer under paragraph (3) shall be disposed of in such manner as the Licensing Officer may think fit.

Construction of premises

7. Any premises that are licensed for the keeping of pigeons under these Rules shall be constructed in such a manner that the pigeons are kept confined within the premises.

Pigeons to be kept in captivity by licensee

8. A licensee shall not let loose or cause or permit to be let loose in any public place any pigeon kept by him.

Control of pigeons