

THE DOG REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1923.

Western Samoa.

No. 1, 1923.



An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Dog Registration Ordinance, 1923", and shall come into force on 1st day of April, 1923.

2. Any person who keeps any dog without causing such dog to be registered, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds for every such dog, over and above the amount of the registration fee.

3. (1) Every registration of a dog shall be made by the owner or by some person on his behalf producing such dog or a description thereof to a registering officer and paying the registration fee, and receiving a receipt therefor and a collar with an identifying label or mark to be worn by the dog registered.

(2) The registering officers shall be the Commissioner of Police at Apia, and the Resident Commissioners at Aleipata and Savai'i, and the Pulenu'u.

(3) Every such registration when duly made shall be deemed to be in force from the date upon which the same is made until the first day of April then next ensuing and no longer, and such registration shall be again made in like manner from year to year.

4. Every owner of a dog who (without reasonable excuse) shall fail to cause such dog to continuously wear such collar, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds.

5. The fee to be paid for registration shall be 4/- for every male dog and 8/- for every female dog, if paid within one month of the day on which it should be paid; after the expiry of such month the fee shall be 8/- and 16/- respectively. Provided that if the owner is a Samoan resident in any inland village as to which the Administrator has approved of a reduced registration fee, then the fee shall be one half the said fees.

6. Any Officer of Police or Resident Commissioner may catch and impound any such dog found without a collar having the proper identifying label or mark thereon. Such dog shall be returned to the owner on payment of the cost of keeping such dog while impounded, and if unregistered, the registration fee as provided. If the dog so impounded remain unclaimed, or the owner fails to pay such cost and such registration fee for a period of four days after such seizure, the dog may be destroyed, and the owner may be proceeded against under Clause 2 hereof.

7. If any dog is suffering from any disease and in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health ought to be destroyed, a notice signed by the Medical Officer of

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Health may be served on the owner directing the owner to destroy such dog. If the owner fails to comply with such notice, he is liable to a fine not exceeding One pound for every day during which the failure continues.

8. (1) Any person who permits any diseased dog to be at large shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds, and the Court may order such dog to be immediately destroyed.

(2) Any Officer of Police or Resident Commissioner may forthwith destroy or cause to be destroyed, any diseased dog found at large without a collar

having the proper identifying label or mark thereon. *any dog so ordered to be destroyed*

9. The owner of any dog wearing a collar with an identifying label or mark issued in any previous year, which dog has not been registered for the then current year, is liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds.

10. The owner of any dog wearing a collar with an identifying label or mark issued in respect of another dog is liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds.

11. Every person who willfully removes from the neck of any dog the collar or identifying label required by this Ordinance to be worn by such dog is liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding Five pounds, and if any dog is destroyed under the authority of this Ordinance in consequence of the removal of such collar or identifying label, shall pay to the owner of such dog the full value of the dog, so destroyed.

12. If it is proved to the Court that a dog, whether at large or not, is dangerous and not kept under proper control, the Court may make an order directing the dog either to be kept by the owner under proper control, or to be forthwith destroyed and every person who fails to comply with such order is liable to a fine not exceeding One pound for every day during which the failure continues.

13. Every person who permits any dog known to be dangerous or to have bitten or injured any person, to go at large, is liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding Five pounds, and any such dog so at large may be forthwith seized by an Officer of Police and the Court may order the dog to be destroyed.

14. If any dog on any road, street, or unenclosed place, rushes at, attacks, or startles any person, or any horse, cattle or other animal, whereby the life or limb of any person is endangered, or any property is injured or endangered, the owner or keeper of any such dog shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds, and the Court which convicts the owner may order such dog to be immediately destroyed.

15. For the purpose of this Ordinance every person shall be deemed to be the owner of a dog and liable accordingly, who

- (a) Keeps or harbours, or has in his care for the time being, any dog, whether at large or in confinement, or
- (b) Occupies any house or premises wherein any dog is usually kept or permitted to remain.

16. In any proceedings under this Ordinance the proof of due registration shall in each case be on the defendant.

17. A Puniene shall be entitled to payment from the Treasury of one quarter of the dog registration fees collected by him and received by the Treasurer.

18. Clause 66 to 72 inclusive of the Taxation Licensing and Revenue Ordinance, and Clauses 16, 17, and 18 of the Police Offences Ordinance 1922, are hereby ~~repealed~~.

19. For the purpose of this Ordinance the term "dog" shall mean and include any dog, male or female, of whatever age.

Assented to this 20th day of
February, 1923.

[L.S.] R. W. TATE,
Administrator.

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