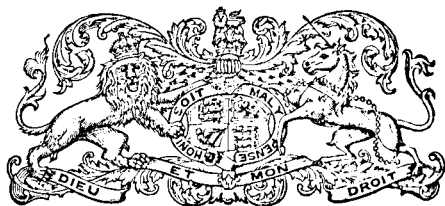


WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

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C. H. RODWELL,

High Commissioner.

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## KING'S REGULATION

RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council 1893.

In the name of His Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

1. This Regulation may be cited for all purposes as the Dogs Regulation 1923. SHORT TITLE.

2. The provisions of this Regulation shall come into operation at such time and in such districts or district or part or parts of a district as the High Commissioner may from time to time by Proclamation direct. EXTENT OF OPERATION.

3. In this Regulation the following words shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them if not inconsistent with the context— INTERPRETATION  
“district” shall mean the district within which any Deputy Commissioner has jurisdiction to which this Regulation has been applied;

“registering officer” shall mean in the districts of Tulagi the Collector of Customs and in all other districts a Deputy Commissioner or any other officer appointed by the Resident Commissioner to register dogs under this Regulation;

“ dog ” shall mean and include any dog whether male or female not less than six months old;

“ owner of a dog ” shall mean the keeper of a dog and shall include the occupier of any building where any dog is ordinarily kept or permitted to live or to remain and the person in whose care any dog may temporarily be whether loose or confined and any person who may harbour a dog.

DEPUTY  
COMMISSIONER  
MAY ORDER  
DESTRUCTION OR  
CONTROL OF  
DANGEROUS  
DOC.

PENALTY.

4. Any Deputy Commissioner may take cognisance of and hear any complaint that a dog whether at large or not is dangerous to person or property and not kept under proper control and if it appears that such dog is dangerous he may make an order in a summary way directing either that the dog be destroyed or kept under proper control by the owner. Any person failing to comply with such order shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings for every day during which he fails to comply with such order.

PENALTY FOR  
NOT MUZZLING  
DANGEROUS  
DOCS.

5. Any person who shall permit any dog which he shall know to be dangerous or to have injured any person or any cattle or any domestic animal to go at large without being properly muzzled shall for every such offence be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

DOC ATTACKING  
PERSON OR  
ANIMAL ON  
PUBLIC ROAD.

6. If any dog shall on any street public road or public pathway or in any public place rush at or attack any person or any horse cattle or other animal whereby any person shall be injured or endangered or any such animal shall be injured or endangered the owner of such dog shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings for every such offence.

SPECTATOR MAY  
DESTROY DOC  
SEEN BITING  
PERSON OR  
ANIMALS  
MENTIONED.

7. Any person who shall see a dog being at large biting or attacking any person or any horse sheep cattle goats pigs or poultry of any kind or shall himself be bitten or attacked by such dog may destroy the same without being answerable to the owner (if any) of the dog.

OWNER ETC. OF  
ANIMALS  
MENTIONED MAY  
DESTROY DOC AT  
LARGE AMONGST  
THEM.

8. The owner or the agent of the owner of any horse sheep cattle goats pigs or poultry of any kind or any servant or person employed by such owner or agent may destroy any dog running at large amongst and worrying such horse sheep cattle goats pigs or poultry.

OWNER LIABLE  
IN DAMAGE FOR  
INJURY BY DOC.

9. The owner of every dog shall be liable in damages for injury done by his dog and it shall not be necessary for the party seeking damages to show a previous mischievous propensity in such dog or the owner's knowledge of such mischievous propensity or that the injury was attributable to neglect on the part of the owner of the dog.

SCIENTER NOT  
NECESSARY.

RULES MAY BE  
MADE RE  
DESTRUCTION  
OR ISOLATION  
OF DOCS.

10.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Resident Commissioner with the approval of the High Commissioner to frame Rules under this Regulation and to alter amend or revoke the same as may from time to time be deemed expedient. Such Rules may provide for the destroying of or the detention in quarantine and isolation of any dog arriving in the Protectorate from abroad for any length of time and under such conditions as may be deemed expedient.

RULES TO BE  
PUBLISHED AND  
PENALTY THERE-  
UNDER.

(2) Any such Rules shall have the force of law on publication in the Gazette and any breach of their provisions may carry with it a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

PENALTY FOR  
NON-REGISTRA-  
TION OF DOC.

11. Any person who shall keep any dog without causing such dog to be registered such registration to be renewed from year to year in the manner hereinafter provided shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every such dog so kept over and above the amount of any fee or fees that should have been paid in respect of the registration of any such dog. Provided that no prosecution shall be instituted against the owner of any dog for non-registration thereof within the month of January in any year.

12. The registration of a dog shall be made by the owner thereof or by some person on his behalf furnishing to a registering officer a description of such dog together with all particulars required to be entered in a register book to be kept according to the Form in Schedule A hereto and by paying for such registration the sum of five shillings and no registration shall be recorded until this payment has been made.

MODE IN WHICH  
OWNER SHALL  
EFFECT  
REGISTRATION.

13. Every description as aforesaid shall be duly entered by the registering officer in the register book and such officer shall immediately on receipt of the registration fee deliver to the owner or other person paying the same a printed receipt in the form contained in Schedule B hereto.

DUTY OF OFFICER  
REGISTERING  
DOG TO GIVE  
RECEIPT.

14. If any person shall wilfully insert or omit or wilfully cause to be inserted or omitted in any description of any dog any matter or thing contrary to or for the purpose of concealing the truth such person shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

PENALTY FOR  
FALSELY  
DESCRIBING  
DOG.

15. Every registration shall be deemed to be in force until the thirty-first day of December of the year in respect of which each registration is effected and such registration shall be made in like manner from year to year.

REGISTRATION TO  
EXPIRE 31ST  
DECEMBER  
ANNUALLY AND  
TO BE RE-  
EFFECTED.

16. Every registration made under this Regulation shall be in force in any district throughout the Protectorate to which this Regulation has been applied and any person being the owner of a registered dog may remove such dog to any other district than the one wherein such dog is registered without payment of any fee.

REGISTERED  
DOG MAY BE  
REMOVED TO  
OTHER DISTRICT.

17. When the ownership of a dog is changed the registration of such dog shall continue good and the name of the new owner shall upon production of the registration receipt and upon the payment of a fee of one shilling be entered on the register book and the registering officer shall indorse the name of the new owner on the registration receipt.

REGISTRATION  
OF NEW OWNER  
FEE.

18. The owner of any dog shall on demand produce to any registering officer or to any officer or member of the Armed Constabulary the registration receipt provided for under section thirteen hereof and if such owner refuses or fails to produce such receipt he shall in any proceeding under this Regulation be deemed to be the owner of an unregistered dog unless he can prove the registration to the satisfaction of the Court.

LIABILITY OF  
OWNER FAILING  
TO PRODUCE  
REGISTRATION  
RECEIPT.

19. In any proceedings taken under this Regulation the proof of registration or that a dog is under the age of six months shall in each case be on the defendant. Provided that the production of the registration receipt shall be *prima facie* evidence of registration.

PROOF OF  
REGISTRATION  
ETC. TO BE ON  
OWNER.

20. Registering officers shall from time to time affix a list of the names of the registered owners of dogs in some conspicuous place in their office and in any other place or places that they may deem expedient within their district.

COPIES OF  
REGISTER  
BOOKS TO BE  
PUBLISHED.

21. Every person registering a dog shall at the time of doing so be supplied by the registering officer with a collar and badge of the then current year for such dog of such kind as the Collector of Customs shall determine.

PROVISION FOR  
BADGES.

22. Any person allowing his dog to be at large not wearing a collar and badge for the then current year shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten shillings.

PENALTY FOR  
DOG NOT  
WEARING BADGE

23. Any dog running at large and not wearing a collar and badge of the current year shall be liable to be seized by any person seeing it.

POWER TO SEIZE  
DOG NOT  
WEARING A  
COLLAR.

DISPOSAL OF  
DOGS SEIZED.

24. Every dog seized under the last preceding section shall be detained in a pound or where no pound is provided in such place as shall be appointed in that behalf by the Deputy Commissioner of the district in which the dog shall have been seized.

NOTICE TO  
OWNER.

25. When the owner of any dog so seized is known notice of the seizure shall immediately be given to the owner.

POWER TO SELL  
OR DESTROY  
DOGS.

26. Where any dog so seized shall have been detained for three clear days without the owner claiming it and paying one shilling per diem as poundage fees and such expenses for transport as may have been incurred the Deputy Commissioner of the district in which the dog was seized may cause it to be sold or destroyed. If sold the proceeds of the sale after deduction of all expenses shall be paid to the owner on application within one month of the date of the sale. Provided always that if the Deputy Commissioner is satisfied that the dog so seized is liable to registration under this Regulation and has not been registered he may cause such dog to be sold or destroyed forthwith without being answerable to the owner (if any) of the dog.

REGISTRATION  
OF DOGS FOR  
NATIVE TOWN.

27. Subject to such directions and restrictions as may from time to time be issued by the Resident Commissioner the registering officer of any district may on the application of the chief of any native town register not more than two dogs in his name without the payment of any registration fee.

CHIEF OF TOWN  
TO BE RECORDED  
AS OWNER OF  
SUCH DOGS.

28. Any dog registered as provided in the last preceding section shall for all the purposes of this Regulation be regarded as belonging to the chief of the town in respect of which the dog is registered and shall in every other way be affected by all the other provisions of this Regulation. Provided that in the liquidation of any damages that may be assessed or in the payment of any costs or penalty that may be adjudged with regard to such dog all damages costs or penalties shall be borne by the town.

RECOVERY OF  
PENALTIES.

29. All fines and penalties incurred and imposed under the provisions of this Regulation and of any Rules made thereunder may in default of payment be recovered by distress and in default of distress by imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding the term set out in the following scale:—

Not exceeding 10s.	...	...	...	7 days.
Exceeding 10s. but not exceeding 20s.	...	...	...	14 days.
Exceeding 20s. but not exceeding 40s.	...	...	...	21 days.
Exceeding 40s.	...	...	...	1 month.

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By Command,

ROGER GREENE,  
Secretary to His Britannic Majesty's High  
Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE A.—(Section 12.)

DESCRIPTION OF DOG REGISTERED.

Registration Receipt No.	Name of Owner.	Place where dog is kept.	Date of Registration.	Species.	Sex.	Age.	Name.	Colour.	Peculiar Mark.

SCHEDULE B.—(Section 13.)

No..... 19..... REVENUE ACCOUNT 19 Received from..... the sum of five shillings on account of registration fee for the under-mentioned dog. Name of owner..... Place where dog is kept..... Species ....., Sex ....., Age ....., Name ....., Colour ....., Peculiar mark ....., <u>£0 5 0.</u> ..... Registering Officer.	No..... No..... DESCRIPTION OF DOG. Species ....., Sex ....., Age ....., Name ....., Colour ....., Peculiar marks, &c.....	No..... BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE. REVENUE ACCOUNT 19 Received from.....of..... the sum of five shillings for registration fee of the dog the description of which is set forth in the margin hereof. <u>£0 5 0.</u> Dated this.....day of .....19..... ..... Registering Officer.
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