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DOG CONTROL OFFICERS REGULATIONS 2021, made by the Minister pursuant to Section 36 of the Dogs Registration & Control Act, 2006.

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Dog Control Officers Regulations, 2021.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations—

“Agent” means the Antigua & Barbuda Humane Society Inc.;

“Authority” means the Dog Registration and Control Authority established under section 3 of the Principal Act;

“Dog Control Officer” means any person appointed under section 29 of the Principal Act; and

“Principal Act” means the Dogs Registration & Control Act, 2006.

3. Appointment of Dog Control Officers

(1) Every appointment of a Dog Control Officer under section 29 of the Act shall be on such terms and conditions of employment as the Minister in conjunction with the Authority, may determine.

(2) The Authority may make such arrangements for the training of Dog Control Officers as it considers expedient for the efficient performance of their duties.

4. Powers of Dog Control Officers

A Dog Control officer may exercise any or a combination of the following powers—

- (a) capture and impound dogs found at large;
- (b) capture diseased or injured dogs;
- (c) determine the ownership of dogs at large;
- (a) investigate incidences of animal cruelty, dog bites and dog attacks.

5. Duties of Dog Control Officers

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), a Dog Control Officer shall be familiar with the Principal Act in order to educate the public while in the field and to execute their duties under the Act.

(2) A Dog Control Officer shall carry out the following duties—

- (a) transport impounded, diseased or injured dogs to animal shelter/pound;
- (b) assist with microchipping and registration of dogs;
- (c) respond to dog complaints which have been received, including dogs at large, stray, vicious, abandoned, nuisance or abused dogs;
- (a) feed and care for impounded dogs;
- (e) deliver and demonstrate to members of the public the proper use of traps;
- (j) pick up dogs caught in traps;
- (g) clean and maintain kennels, office and work area;
- (h) inspect and clean dog control vehicles and equipment daily;
- (i) report problems, prepare reports, gather evidence, prepare witness statements and testify in court when summoned to do so;
- (j) maintain all required records including, but not limited to, all necessary paperwork for claims, citations, impoundments and releases;
- (k) receive fees and issue copy of licence registration form to dog owner;
- (l) deliver fees and original licence registration forms to Designated Agent within three days of receipt;
- (m) perform other related duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Made the 27th day of May, 2021.

Hon. Sir Molwyn Joseph,
*Minister of Health, Wellness & the
Environment.*