

him as Inspector by or under the Act of 1894 and this Order.

(2) The Inspector shall forthwith report to the Board, in such form as the Board may require, the information received by him and the action taken by him under this Order.

*Compulsory Slaughter of Dogs and Cats.*

3.—A Local Authority shall cause to be slaughtered every dog and cat within their District which is diseased or suspected or which is shown to the satisfaction of the Local Authority to have been bitten by a diseased dog or cat.

*Owners to give Facilities for Slaughter.*

4.—(1) Where the power of causing any dog or cat to be slaughtered under this Order is exercised by a Local Authority, the owner and person in charge of such dog or cat shall give all reasonable facilities for that purpose.

(2) Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

*Veterinary Inquiry.*

5.—(1) A Local Authority on receiving information of the existence or suspected existence of rabies in any animal or carcase shall forthwith cause inquiry as to the correctness of such information to be made by a Veterinary Inspector, or by a Veterinary Surgeon specially appointed in that behalf, who shall forthwith report to the Board in such form as the Board may require, but this provision shall not affect the provisions of this Order relating to compulsory slaughter under Article 3.

(2) Where an animal at the time of its death is affected with or suspected of rabies, the Local Authority shall, previous to the disposal of the carcase, cause a post-mortem examination to be made thereof by a Veterinary Inspector, or by a Veterinary Surgeon specially appointed in that behalf, who shall forthwith forward to the Board such material and in such manner as may be required by the Board, unless he is satisfied as a result of his examination that rabies did not exist.

(3) The owner and the person in charge of any such carcase shall give all reasonable facilities for the purpose of such examination, and any person failing to give such facilities shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(4) A certificate of a Veterinary Inspector to the effect that an animal is or was affected with rabies shall for the purposes of the Act of 1894 and this Order be conclusive evidence in all courts of justice of the matter certified.

*Local Authority to Secure Isolation of Dogs or Cats Exposed to Infection.*

6.—(1) The Local Authority shall so far as practicable secure the isolation of any dog or cat which has been exposed to the infection of rabies, or of any other animal which is diseased or suspected or has been exposed to the infection of rabies, by causing Notices under the next following Article to be served with all practicable speed on the owner or person in charge of such dog, cat, or other animal within their District and by taking all necessary steps to enforce compliance with every Notice served under such Article.

(2) Every dog, cat, or other animal shall for the purposes of this Article be deemed to have

been exposed to the infection of rabies which has been in the same shed, stable, building, kennel, field, or other place or otherwise in contact with any diseased or suspected dog or cat, or which has in any other way been exposed to the infection of rabies.

*Isolation of Animals.*

7.—(1) An Inspector of a Local Authority shall serve a Notice in writing (in the Form A1, A2 or A3, as the case may be, set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect, with such modifications as the circumstances may require) on the owner or person in charge of any dog or cat which has been exposed to the infection of rabies, or of any other animal which is diseased or suspected or has been exposed to the infection of rabies, requiring the same to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Notice, and the Notice shall remain in operation until it is withdrawn by a further Notice in writing (in the Form B set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) signed by an Inspector of the Board.

(2) An Inspector of the Local Authority shall with all practicable speed send copies of any Notice served by him under this Article to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1, and to the Local Authority and the police officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

(3) If the requirements of any Notice served under this Article are not complied with, the owner of the animal and the person in charge thereof and any person who fails to comply with any such requirement or does any act in contravention of any such requirement, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

*Seizure of Animals in case of Default.*

8.—(1) If an animal is not detained and isolated, or is not moved as required by the requirements of a Notice served under this Order, an Inspector of the Board may seize the animal, and thereupon the Board shall detain and isolate it at the place of detention specified in the Notice, or at any other place of detention selected by them, in accordance with the requirements of the Notice, at the expense of the owner of the animal.

(2) If the owner of the animal does not, on the expiration of the period of detention, claim the animal from the Board and pay to them their expenses of detaining and isolating the animal, or if for seven days after demand in writing by the Board at any time he fails to pay to them such expenses or such deposit as may be required by the Board to cover such expenses, the Board may destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal as they think expedient, without prejudice to their claim for any expenses payable to them.

*Disposal of Carcases.*

9.—(1) The carcase of an animal which at the time of its death was affected with or suspected of rabies shall be disposed of as soon as possible by the Local Authority as follows:

(i.) Either the Local Authority shall cause the carcase to be buried in its skin in some proper place at a depth of not less than six feet below the surface of the earth, and to be covered with a sufficient quantity of quicklime or other disinfectant;