

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 9TH DECEMBER 1920.)

MIDDLESEX (ACTON DISTRICT) (CON-
TROL OF DOGS) ORDER OF 1920.

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

*Prohibition of Movement of Dogs out of
certain District.*

1. (1) No dog shall be moved out of the District described in the First Schedule hereto, hereinafter referred to as "the Scheduled District," provided that this Article shall not apply to—

(a) the movement of a dog under a licence granted by the Minister under the Importation of Dogs Order of 1914 and the Importation of Dogs (Amendment) Order of 1918 (No. 2) to a port in Great Britain for shipment, or to a place of detention for the purpose of detention and isolation; or

(b) the movement of a dog through the Scheduled District by railway from a place outside the District to another place outside the District without unnecessary delay and without being re-booked within the District.

(2) If any farm or holding (except any detached part) is partly within and partly without the Scheduled District, the whole shall be deemed to be within the Scheduled District.

*Prohibition of Movement of Dogs out of
Inner Controlled Area.*

2. No dog shall be moved out of the Area described in the Second Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as "the Inner Controlled Area"), provided that this Article shall not apply to—

(a) the movement of a dog under a licence granted by the Minister under the Importation of Dogs Order of 1914 and the Importation of Dogs (Amendment) Order of 1918 (No. 2) to a port in Great Britain for shipment, or to a place of detention for the purpose of detention and isolation; or

(b) the movement of a dog through such Area by railway from a place outside the Area to another place outside the Area without unnecessary delay and without being rebooked within the Area.

*Control and Muzzling of Dogs in Inner
Controlled Area.*

3. (1) A dog in the Inner Controlled Area shall at all times—

(a) whilst in or on any public place be efficiently muzzled with an effective wire cage muzzle, and shall also be led by a person with a collar and chain, or other attachment: Provided that the requirement as to leading shall not apply to a dog in charge of a competent person while being used for the driving or tending of cattle or sheep;

(b) whilst in or on any other place be—

(i.) confined in a kennel or other enclosure from which the dog cannot escape; or

(ii.) secured to some premises by a collar and chain; or

(iii.) efficiently muzzled with an effective wire cage muzzle.

Provided that paragraph (b) shall not apply to any pack of hounds while being exercised under the supervision of two or more competent attendants, or to any dog in charge of a competent person while being used for the capture or destruction of vermin or rabbits.

(2) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to any dog confined in a suitable hamper, crate, box or other receptacle, so constructed as to render it impossible for such dog while so confined to bite any person or animal.

*Seizure, Detention and Disposal of
Uncontrolled Dogs.*

4. (1) Any dog in the Inner Controlled Area which is not muzzled, or kept under control, as prescribed by this Order, may be seized by the Local Authority, or by the police, and any dog so seized shall be dealt with by the Local Authority as follows:—

(i.) If the dog is diseased or suspected, or has been bitten by a diseased or suspected dog, it shall be forthwith slaughtered.

(ii.) If the dog has been exposed to the infection of rabies it shall be detained, slaughtered, or otherwise dealt with as the Local Authority think expedient, but so that the dog shall not, while detained by the Local Authority, be allowed to come in contact with any other animal.

(iii.) In any other case the dog shall be treated as a stray dog seized under the powers conferred by section three of the Dogs Act, 1906.

(2) No dog so seized shall be given or sold for the purposes of vivisection.

(3) Every dog 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 which has in any other way been exposed to the infection of rabies.

*Prohibition of Holding of Exhibitions or
Shows of Dogs in Scheduled District.*

5. No exhibition or show of dogs, whether for sale or otherwise, shall be held in the Scheduled District (including the Inner Controlled Area).

Seizure of Dogs in case of Default.

6. (1) If a dog has been moved in contravention of this Order an Inspector of the Ministry may seize the dog, and thereupon the Ministry shall detain and isolate it at any place of detention selected by them for such time as the Ministry consider necessary or expedient.

(2) If the owner of the dog does not, within ten days after the expiration of such period as the Ministry may think necessary or expedient and notify to the owner, claim the dog from the Ministry and pay to them their expenses of detaining and isolating the dog, the Ministry may destroy or otherwise dispose of the dog as they think expedient.

*Notice of Detention in case of Illegal
Movement.*

7. (1) Where an Inspector or other Officer of the Ministry, or of a Local Authority, has reason to believe that a dog has been moved in contravention of this Order, he may give