

1991 No. 377

DOGS

Dogs (Muzzling) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made 15th August 1991

Coming into operation 22nd August 1991

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 31(1)(a) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dogs (Muzzling) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 22nd August 1991.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“fighting dog” means a dog of the type known as Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino or Fila Brasileiro;

“muzzled” means securely fitted with a muzzle sufficient to prevent the dog to which it is fitted from biting any person;

“public place” means any road or other place (whether or not enclosed) to which the public have or are permitted to have access whether for payment or otherwise.

Prohibition on fighting dogs

3. The keeper or person for the time being in charge of a fighting dog shall not permit such a dog to be in a public place unless the dog is muzzled.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 15th August 1991.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

These Regulations require a Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino or Fila Brasileiro in a public place, to be muzzled.

Any person contravening any provision of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400.