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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations implement certain provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with regard to stray dogs, which come into force on 1st April 1992.

Under section 149 of that Act, a local authority officer must be appointed for dealing with stray dogs found in the authority's area. An owner wishing to reclaim a dog which has strayed is not entitled so to do unless he or she pays the authority's expenses incurred by reason of the dog's detention, together with a further prescribed amount. These Regulations prescribe an amount of £25 as the further amount to be so paid.

Section 149(8) obliges the officer to keep a register of dogs seized by him or her, and these Regulations prescribe the particulars that are to be entered in the register, which is available for public inspection. The Regulations also prescribe the procedure to be followed by the officer where a dog is found by a member of the public who wishes to keep it.