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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 108**

**The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015**

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Regulations—

“authorised person” has the meaning given by regulation 11;

“local authority” means—

- (a) where there is a unitary authority, within the meaning of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(1), that authority;
- (b) where there is not a unitary authority—
  - (i) in a non-metropolitan county, the council of that county or the council of a district within the county area;
  - (ii) in each London borough, the council of that borough;
  - (iii) in the City of London, the Common Council; or
  - (iv) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

“microchipped” means microchipped in accordance with regulation 3;

“keeper” means—

- (a) in relation to an assistance dog (within the meaning of section 173(1) of the Equality Act 2010(2))—
  - (i) until the dog ceases working as an assistance dog, the body responsible for its training and allocation;
  - (ii) after the dog has ceased working as an assistance dog, the person with whom it normally resides;
- (b) in relation to a new-born puppy, the owner of the bitch which gave birth to it; and
- (c) in relation to any other dog, the person with whom it normally resides.

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(1) S.I. 1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) 2010 c.15.