

ALSATIAN DOG.

20° GEO. V., No. XXXII.

No. 34 of 1929.

AN ACT to prohibit the keeping or breeding of Dogs in certain cases.

[Assented to 23rd December, 1929.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Alsatian Dog Act, 1929.*

Prohibition of keeping Alsatian dogs in certain cases.

2. No person shall, after the expiry of three months from the passing of this Act, be the owner of, or keep or have in his possession, or under his control, any dog of the Alsatian wolf-hound species, if such dog is of or over three months of age and has not been effectively sterilised.

Penalty: Twenty pounds; or daily penalty, ten shillings.

Breeding of Alsatian dogs prohibited.

3. No person shall, after the expiry of three months from the passing of this Act, procure or knowingly suffer any dog which is of the species aforesaid to breed.

Penalty: Twenty pounds.

Dogs may be destroyed in certain cases.

4. (1.) When any person has been convicted of an offence against this Act, the court before which he has been convicted may order the dog in respect of which the offence was committed to be destroyed, and may give all such directions as the court may deem necessary to ensure that such order shall be duly carried into effect.

(2.) Any person charged with the execution of any such order or direction may, for the purpose of carrying out such order or direction, enter upon any premises where the dog is or is reasonably believed to be.

5. (1.) On the hearing of any charge of an offence against this Act, the burden of proving that the dog has been effectively sterilised shall be on the person charged. Evidence.

(2.) The burden of proving effective sterilisation shall not be deemed to have been discharged unless the person charged shall produce a certificate of a registered veterinary surgeon setting forth that the dog has been so sterilised.

6. No registering officer shall, after the expiry of three months from the passing of this Act, register any dog of the Alsation wolf-hound species under the Dog Act, 1903-1928, unless it shall first have been proved to his satisfaction by the production of a certificate of a registered veterinary surgeon that the dog has been effectively sterilised. Prohibition of registration of unsterilised Alsation dogs.

7. (1.) Every local authority is hereby authorised and directed to carry out within its district the provisions of this Act, and to appoint such inspectors as may be necessary to ensure the due enforcement of such provisions. Powers and duties of local authorities and inspectors.

(2.) A local authority may at any time order proceedings to be taken for the punishment of any person offending against any provision of this Act.

(3.) "Local authority" means a municipal council or road board; but, in relation to the enforcement of this Act within a vermin district, the expression shall mean the board of such vermin district.

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section seven, proceedings may be taken by any person for the punishment of any person offending against any provision of this Act: Proceedings.

9. (1.) For the purposes of this Act, a dog shall be deemed to be of the Alsation wolf-hound species if such dog is wholly or partly of the species or kind commonly known as "Alsation wolf-hound," or belongs wholly or partly to any variety of the said species by whatever name such variety may be known. Interpretation.

(2.) This Act shall apply to female as well as to male dogs.