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## No. 320.

An Act to amend "The Dog Act, 1867."

[*Assented to, November 14th, 1884.*]

**W**HEREAS it is desirable to amend "The Dog Act, 1867"— Preamble.  
Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

**1.** Except so far as inconsistent therewith this Act shall be in- Incorporation.  
corporated and read as one with "The Dog Act, 1867."

**2.** The first schedule to this Act is hereby substituted for Alteration of  
description of dogs  
registered.  
Schedule A to "The Dog Act, 1867," relating to the description of dogs intended to be registered.

**3.** The fee provided by the scale of fees contained in the Second Alteration of fees.  
Schedule to this Act, and which may be applicable to the particular case, shall be substituted for the fee of Five Shillings which by "The Dog Act, 1867, is provided to be paid on the registration of every dog.

**4.** Whenever in "The Dog Act, 1867," reference is made to the Construction.  
Schedule A to that Act, or to the fee of Five Shillings mentioned in section three of this Act, "The Dog Act, 1867," shall be read and construed as if reference had therein been made to the Schedule and fee substituted by this Act.

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Existing registrations.

5. This Act shall not affect the validity of the registration already made of any dog.

Act to apply to dogs of aboriginals, but each adult to be allowed two dogs free of registration.

6. The words in section 3 of "The Dog Act, 1867," beginning "but nothing," down to the end of that section, are repealed; and that section shall be read as if the following words were inserted, namely: "And this Act shall apply to dogs owned by aboriginals, but so that each adult aboriginal shall be entitled to keep two dogs without registration."

Police officer to be registrar in districts where there is no other registrar.

7. Section 7 of "The Dog Act, 1867," is repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows:—"The principal police officer in charge of a station in any district where there shall be no other registrar shall be *ex officio* the registrar for that district, unless the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall otherwise direct."

Amendment of sec. 8 of "The Dog Act, 1867."

8. Section 8 of "The Dog Act, 1867," shall be read as if the words "Two Pounds" were substituted for "One Pound."

Registrar to supply metal disc, with date and number of registration and of district to be attached.

9. The registrar, on the registration of any dog, shall deliver to the person registering the dog a metal disc of a size, shape, and color to be prescribed, annually, and to be annually varied, on which shall be inscribed the date of the year and the registration number and district of the dog registered. The collar to be worn by a dog shall not be required to bear any inscription, but the disc shall be kept suspended from the collar in such a manner as to be plainly visible; otherwise the dog shall be liable to be destroyed as if unregistered; and the absence of such disc shall be *prima facie* evidence of non-registration.

Repeal of Schedule C of "The Dog Act, 1867," and amendment of sec. 15.

10. Schedule C to "The Dog Act, 1867," is repealed, and the words in section 15 thereof beginning "with the number corresponding" and ending "Schedule C to this Act" are repealed, and that section shall be read as if the words "with the prescribed disc attached thereto" were substituted for the words so repealed.

Registration to be available only till 30th June.

11. In section 10 of "The Dog Act, 1867," all the words which follow the words "that is to say" shall be repealed, and the following words shall be substituted, namely "until the thirtieth day of June next following such registration: Provided that only half fees shall be payable on registrations effected between the first day of January and the thirtieth day of June."

Registrar to make inquiries in his district for unregistered dogs with power to get search-warrant.

12. It shall be the duty of every registrar, before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and before the thirtieth day of June in every year thereafter, to cause inquiries to be made on all the premises occupied by any person within his district for the purpose of ascertaining if any unregistered dogs are kept thereon, and the registrar, or some person authorised in writing by him, on proof to the satisfaction of any Justice of the Peace that there is reason to suspect that any unregistered dog is kept

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kept on any premises, shall apply to such Justice for, and such Justice shall grant, a warrant authorising the registrar or person so authorised to search any part of such premises, other than a dwelling-house, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any unregistered dog is kept thereon, and search shall be made accordingly.

**13.** Whenever a slut on heat is found in any public place, it shall be lawful for any person to kill the animal, and where such a slut is found on any premises other than the premises of the owner it shall be lawful for the owner of the premises where the animal is found, or any person authorised by him, to kill the animal, and if the owner of the animal has wilfully suffered it to be so at large, he shall, if convicted thereof in a summary way, pay a penalty of not more than Five Pounds.

Sluts on heat, if allowed to stray, may be killed. Penalty.

**14.** The occupier of any land, after giving public notice in three successive issues of any two papers circulating in the district where such land is situate, or of the *Government Gazette*, of his intention to destroy dogs trespassing on such land, may destroy the same, and, if the land is beyond the limits of town or suburban lands, may lay poison on the land for the purpose of such destruction; but so that notice of such poison being laid be conspicuously exhibited on such land, and that no poison be laid within two hundred yards of any public road or way.

After public notice, dogs trespassing may be killed, and poison may be laid with certain restrictions.

**15.** Section 16 of "The Dog Act, 1867," shall be read as if the reward therein mentioned for seizing or destroying an unregistered dog were Five Shillings instead of Two Shillings and Sixpence; and section 26 of the same Act shall be read as though Thirty Pounds were substituted for Five Pounds in the third line of that section, and section 22 of that Act shall be read as though the offence thereby created was maliciously removing the collar or disc required to be worn by a dog, and in lieu of the pecuniary penalty provided in that section there were substituted the penalty of imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than one and not more than six months.

Amendment of "The Dog Act, 1867," secs. 16, 26, and 22.

**16.** The Commissioner of Crown Lands may, from time to time, make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, and "The Dog Act, 1867," in respect of any matters herein referred to as "prescribed" or left to be expressed or ascertained by such regulations, and such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and shall thenceforth be binding.

Commissioner of Crown Lands may make regulations as to details.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

*Form of Description.*

A description of \_\_\_\_\_ dogs now owned and intended to be kept by A.B., of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, during the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, 18 \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Dog.	Premises on which each dog is intended to be kept.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Color or peculiar mark.	Description or kind of dog.
1						
2						
3						
4						

I, the said A.B., do declare the above description to be true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

A. B.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

*Fees for Registration.*

	£ s. d.
For every dog .....	0 7 6
For every slut .....	0 12 6