
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Dogs (Licensing and Identification)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

PART 3

IDENTIFICATION

Licence identification

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), the keeper of a dog which is required to be licensed shall ensure that the dog wears attached to its collar licence identification which shall relate to—

- (a) the dog licence issued in respect of that dog (“the relevant dog licence”); or
- (b) the block licence issued for a premises on which that dog is kept (“the relevant block licence”).

(2) Licence identification shall be of metal or plastic not less than 1.00mm in thickness and shall be of the shape, dimensions and colour set out in Schedule 8 in relation to the period during which a dog licence or block licence is issued.

(3) Licence identification shall be issued to the licence holder by the district council for the district in which that person resides and shall bear a symbol or mark which denotes the district council by which it was issued.

(4) Licence identification shall not be attached to a dog other than—

- (a) the dog in respect of which the relevant dog licence was issued; or
- (b) a dog in relation to which the relevant block licence was issued; or
- (c) the new dog where a licence transfer certification has been issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(4) of the Order.

(5) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to the keeper of a dog—

- (a) which is a member of a pack of hounds; or
- (b) while that dog is being judged at a competition; or
- (c) while that dog is being used for—
 - (i) any sporting purposes;
 - (ii) the capture or destruction of vermin;
 - (iii) the purpose of driving or tending sheep or cattle.