



Road Traffic Act 1988

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PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Other restrictions in interests of safety

27 Control of dogs on roads

- (1) A person who causes or permits a dog to be on a designated road without the dog being held on a lead is guilty of an offence.
- (2) In this section “designated road” means a length of road specified by an order in that behalf of the local authority in whose area the length of road is situated.
- (3) The powers which under subsection (2) above are exercisable by a local authority in England and Wales are, in the case of a road part of the width of which is in the area of one local authority and part in the area of another, exercisable by either authority with the consent of the other.
- (4) An order under this section may provide that subsection (1) above shall apply subject to such limitations or exceptions as may be specified in the order, and (without prejudice to the generality of this subsection) subsection (1) above does not apply to dogs proved—
 - (a) to be kept for driving or tending sheep or cattle in the course of a trade or business, or
 - (b) to have been at the material time in use under proper control for sporting purposes.
- (5) An order under this section shall not be made except after consultation with the chief officer of police.
- (6) The Secretary of State may make regulations—
 - (a) prescribing the procedure to be followed in connection with the making of orders under this section, and

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- (b) requiring the authority making such an order to publish in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations notice of the making and effect of the order.
- (7) In this section “local authority” means—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, the council of a county, metropolitan district or London borough or the Common Council of the City of London, and
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, a regional or islands council.
- (8) The power conferred by this section to make an order includes power, exercisable in like manner and subject to the like conditions, to vary or revoke it.