

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.]
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Hon. Mr. Carrington.

ALSATIAN DOG.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to prohibit the Breeding of Alsatian Dogs.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority
5 of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Alsatian Dog Act,
1934. Short Title.

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10	2. No person shall, after the expiry of <i>three</i> 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 sterilized.	Keeping of unsterilized Alsatian dogs prohibited.
15	3. No person shall, after the expiry of <i>three</i> months from the passing of this Act, procure or knowingly suffer any dog which is of the species aforesaid to breed.	Offence to allow Alsatian dogs to breed.
20	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.	Destruction of Alsatian dogs in respect of which any person is convicted of offence.

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(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.

Burden of proof of sterilization.

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

(2) The burden of proving effective sterilization 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 sterilized.

Unsterilized dogs not to be registered.

6. No registered officer shall, after the expiry of *three* months from the passing of this Act, register any dog of the Alsatian wolf-hound species under the Dogs Registration Act, 1908, 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 sterilized.

Duty of local authorities.

7. (1) Every local authority is hereby authorized 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.

(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 Borough Council, County Council, Town Board, or Road Board.

Who may institute proceedings.

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

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Penalties for offences.

9. Every person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine of *twenty* pounds, and where the offence is a continuing one to a further fine of *ten* shillings for every day during which the offence continues.

10. (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.

Application of Act.

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

11. Every person who permits any dog of the Alsation wolf-hound species to go at large in any public place, whether with a registered collar affixed to it or not, without being muzzled in a manner sufficient to prevent the dog from causing injury by biting is liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds, and any such dog so at large may be forthwith seized and killed by any constable.

Offence to allow unmuzzled Alsation at large in public place.

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12. Notwithstanding anything contained in section eight of the Dogs Registration Act, 1908, the fee under that Act to be paid for the registration of a female Alsation dog shall be *five* pounds.

Registration fee for female Alsations.

13. (1) No person after *three* months from the date of the passing of this Act shall, without the consent of the Minister of Internal Affairs, introduce or import into New Zealand any dog of the Alsation wolf-hound species.

Prohibition on importation.

(2) Every person who offends against this section is liable to a fine of *two hundred* pounds or imprisonment for *six* months.

Penalties.