

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

61. Dogs.

1. Dogs must be distinctly addressed with the name of the consignee and the destination station, and, except when accompanying passengers, must be delivered to the Department and consigned not less than thirty minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which they are to be forwarded.

2. The Department reserves the right to require that any dog presented for carriage by rail shall be efficiently muzzled or confined in a cage, box, or other suitable receptacle so as to prevent such dog from biting any person. The Department will not be liable for the loss of any dog if such loss arises directly or indirectly from any tendency on the part of such dog to bite any person.

3. Dogs not secured in hampers, crates, or boxes must be provided with efficient chains and collars, or other suitable means of tether.

4. Passengers accompanied by dogs must obtain a dog ticket at least fifteen minutes before the due time of departure of the train, excepting when the journey is commenced from a station at which there are no booking facilities, when the passenger will obtain a dog ticket from the guard of the train. The ticket must be given up at the end of the journey before the dog is delivered. Owners must see their dogs safely placed in the train.

5. Dogs will be transported by express, mail, or passenger trains only when there is sufficient space or facilities in the guard's van for their accommodation.

6. Passengers or consignees must take delivery of dogs immediately on the arrival of the train at the destination station, failing which the dogs will be held by the Department at the sole risk and responsibility of the owner. A charge of 4d. per day or portion of a day will be made for each animal which is not taken delivery of immediately on arrival at the destination station. In addition to this charge owners will require to pay any charge that may have been incurred for food, veterinary charges, and the like.

7. The Department will not be liable for loss when a dog, whether accompanied by a passenger or consigned, escapes through the slipping of the collar or the breakage of the chain, collar, or such other means of tether by which it is secured unless the dog is carried at railway risk as provided in Regulation 110.

8. Dogs will not be allowed in carriages.

9. Dogs, tethered, will be charged as follows:—

Miles.	s.	d.	Miles.	s.	d.	Miles.	s.	d.
1-25	0	9	151-175	5	2	376-425	9	7
26-50	1	6	176-200	5	11	426-475	10	4
51-75	2	3	201-225	6	8	476-525	11	0
76-100	3	0	226-275	7	4	526-575	11	9
101-125	3	8	276-325	8	1	576-625	12	6
126-150	4	5	326-375	8	10	626-675	13	3

10. Each additional dog in excess of twelve dogs in the same consignment will be charged half rates.

11. The charges on dogs must be prepaid.

12. One or more pups, or a slut and puppies, properly secured in a hamper crate, or box, so as to prevent injury to other goods, will be charged at one and a quarter times the rates specified in paragraph 1, Regulation 55: Provided, however, that in no case shall the charges for a slut and puppies so packed be less than as for one dog charged under the provisions of paragraph 9 of this regulation.

13. Except as provided in paragraph 12, dogs properly secured in hampers, crates, or boxes so as to prevent injury to other goods will be charged ordinary parcels rates (Regulation 55) or the rates prescribed in paragraph 9 hereof where such are greater.

14. Hounds when conveyed in cattle-trucks will be charged at the classified rate for cattle in truck-loads, or at the rate for dogs, whichever is the cheaper.

15. Hounds, the property of hunt clubs, conveyed on the outward journey by rail will be returned at half rates from the original destination station to the original forwarding station on production of a certificate in the following form, signed by the secretary or other authorized officer of the club owning the hounds:—

I hereby certify that the (a) _____ are kept and used for hunting purposes only, and that they were, on the outward journey, conveyed by rail from _____ Station to _____ Station on _____ for the purpose of taking part at the (b) _____ hunt meeting, and are now returning from the meeting unsold, and that I am entitled to have them conveyed by rail from _____ Station to _____ Station at half rates.

....., Secretary [or other authorized officer of hunt club].

(a) Insert number of hounds.

(b) Insert name of hunt meeting.

16. The return journey must be made within two weeks of outward journey

17. When hounds are sent to the hunt in trucks with hunters they must be returned in the same manner, otherwise ordinary rates will be charged for the return journey.