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L.N. 98 of 2023

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
(CAP. 439)

Keeping of Dogs (Amendment) Regulations, 2023

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 7(2) of the Animal Welfare Act, the Minister responsible for veterinary services has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

S.L. 439.21.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Keeping of Dogs (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Keeping of Dogs Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

(2) These regulations shall come into force within six (6) months from their publication in the Gazette.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be renumbered as sub-regulation (1) and shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the definition "collar" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "Director" means the Director for Animal Welfare;";

(b) the definition "Minister" shall be deleted; and

(c) immediately after the definition "tether" there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases used in these regulations which are not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act.".

Amends regulation 8 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations shall be renumbered as sub-regulation (1) and immediately after there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(2) Where the Director has reasonable cause to believe that an offence against these regulations has been committed and that it would be appropriate to impose an administrative penalty in accordance with article 47 of the Act, the Director shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the said article.".

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Amends the Schedule to the principal regulations.

4. Item 2 of the Schedule to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new item:

"2. The minimum space per dog must never be less than the following:

Each enclosure shall be provided with a sleeping area and an exercise area of not less than the following:

Withers height of dog	Minimum floor area	Minimum length of shortest side
<30cm	(1+N) x 2sq.m.	1.5m
30-50cm	(1+N) x 2.4sq.m.	1.8m
>50cm	(1+N) x 3sq.m.	1.8m

Provided that the minimum space for dogs in the table as stipulated in this item, shall not apply to sanctuaries, pet shops and, or boarding establishments for cats and dogs.

N is referring to the number of dogs in same enclosure which shall not be more than ten (10) dogs.".

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