

SWAZILAND.

No. 69 of 1947.

(Promulgated 12th December, 1947.)

PROCLAMATION

By HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
Entitled the Swaziland Registration and Control of
Dogs (Consolidation) Proclamation, 1947.

Whereas it is expedient to amend and consolidate the law in force in Swaziland relating to the registration and control of dogs;

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers, authorities and jurisdiction conferred upon and committed to me by His Majesty under the Swaziland Order-in-Council, 1903, as amended by the Swaziland Order-in-Council, 1906, and the Swaziland Order-in-Council, 1909, I do hereby declare, proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. In this Proclamation unless inconsistent Definition. with the context:—

“land” shall mean any land in Swaziland other than land included in an Urban Area.

2. (1) Every owner or other person having the custody or control of a dog shall as soon Registration of dogs. as the same is of the age of six months register such dog and take out in respect thereof a registration certificate as hereinafter provided. Such certificate shall be issued in the form and manner prescribed by regulation under this Proclamation and shall be renewed annually.

(2) In respect of dogs which are on the first day of January in any year of the age of six months and over application shall be made for such certificate or a renewal thereof within one month after such date and in respect of dogs reaching such age between such date and the thirty-first day of December next ensuing application for a certificate shall be made within one month after it reaches such age.

(3) For every such certificate or renewal thereof there shall be paid the sum of five shillings.

(4) On the renewal of such certificate the person appointed to issue the same may require the delivery to him of any certificate previously issued to the same person for a period which has expired.

Production of registration certificates on demand. 3. Every person who has in his possession or custody or under his control a dog in respect of which a registration certificate is under this Proclamation necessary shall if requested by a justice of the peace, police officer or constable or any person appointed to issue such certificate and within a reasonable time after such request produce or cause to be produced for inspection any such certificate and the dog in respect of which it was issued.

Destruction of dogs trespassing. 4. Any dog may forthwith be destroyed by or on the order of the owner, lessee or occupier of any land if found trespassing thereon and not being under the control and custody of any person.

Powers to make rules. 5. The Resident Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* from time to time make, alter and repeal rules prescribing the forms of registration certificates to be issued under this Proclamation.

6. (1) Any person required by this Proclamation to have a dog registered who does not obtain the certificate in respect thereof within the period prescribed by section *two* or who fails to produce the same or the dog in respect of which it was issued when required in accordance with section *three* shall be guilty of an offence and may be arrested without a warrant and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one month.

(2) Any person who shall—

(a) fabricate any document with intent that such document shall be used as a registration certificate issued under this Proclamation;

(b) use or utter any fabricated document well knowing the same to have been fabricated with the intent aforesaid;

(c) with fraudulent intent make use of a registration certificate after the period for which it was issued has expired;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment with hard labour for a period not exceeding two years.

Repeal of laws. 7. Proclamation No. 4 of 1910 as amended by Proclamation No. 42 of 1918 is hereby repealed;

Provided that notwithstanding such repeal any tax which would have been payable under any Proclamation so repealed, and which has not been collected at the commencement of this Proclamation may be collected in accordance with and subject to the provisions of such repealed Proclamation.

8. This Proclamation may be cited as the Short title.
Swaziland Registration and Control of dogs
(Consolidation) Proclamation, 1947.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this
Eighth day of December, One thousand Nine hundred
and Forty-seven.

E. BARING,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.