

# Penalty Summary: Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (SA)

As at December 2021

#### Part 3 Administration and enforcement

| Section | Offence                                | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                        | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 31(1)   | Hinder authorised person               | -                     | \$5,000           | -                 |
| 31(2)   | Assault authorised person/assistant    | 2 yrs                 | \$10,000          | -                 |
|         | (Penalty = fine, imprisonment or both) |                       |                   |                   |
| 32      | Offence by authorised person           | -                     | \$5,000           | -                 |

### Part 4 Registration

| Section | Offence                                         | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                 | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 33      | Failure to register dog (3 months or older):    |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or Prescribed dog</li> </ul> | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other dog                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$170             |
|         | Continuing offence (for each 14 days):          |                       |                   |                   |
|         | - Dangerous or Prescribed dog                   | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other dog                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$170             |

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| Section | Offence                                                                                                                                       | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine                                     | Expiation                        |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|         |                                                                                                                                               | penalty)              | (maximum penalty)                        | (maximum penalty)                |
| 33(4)   | Defences                                                                                                                                      |                       |                                          |                                  |
| 37(1)   | Failure to notify if dog:  a) is removed from usual recorded place b) dog dies c) dog missing for more than 72 hours d) ownership transferred | -<br>-<br>-           | \$1,250<br>\$1,250<br>\$1,250<br>\$1,250 | \$210<br>\$210<br>\$210<br>\$210 |
| 37(2)   | Failure to notify re business:  a) transfer  b) owner/ operator ceases business  c) other specified circumstances                             | -<br>-<br>-           | \$1,250<br>\$1,250<br>\$1,250            | \$210<br>\$210<br>\$210          |
| 38      | Transfer of dog ownership Fail to give new owner disc/registration                                                                            | -                     | \$1,250                                  | \$210                            |

# Part 4A Microchipping and other identification

| Section   | Offence                                                                                                                            | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine               | Expiation         |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|           |                                                                                                                                    | penalty)              | (maximum penalty)  | (maximum penalty) |
| 42A       | Failure to have dog or cat microchipped:  - Dog of prescribed breed, attack trained dog, guard dog or patrol dog  - Any other case | -                     | \$5,000<br>\$2,500 | \$750<br>\$170    |
| 42A(3)(4) | Defences                                                                                                                           |                       |                    |                   |
| 42B       | Continuing offence (for each 3 months):  - Dog of prescribed breed  - Any other case                                               | -                     | \$5,000            | \$750             |
|           |                                                                                                                                    | -                     | \$2,500            | \$170             |

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| Section | Offence                                           | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                   | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 42C     | Failure to identify dog or cat (not microchipped) | -                     | \$5,000           | \$170             |
| 42C(3)  | Defence                                           |                       |                   |                   |

## Part 4B Desexing

| Section | Offence                                     | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                             | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 42E     | Failure to de-sex dog or cat:               |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dog of prescribed breed</li> </ul> | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                            | -                     | \$2,500           | \$170             |
| 42F     | Continuing offence (for each 3 months):     |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dog of prescribed breed</li> </ul> | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                            | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |

# Part 5 Management of dogs

| Section | Offence                                         | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                 | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 43      | Dogs not to be allowed to wander at large       |                       |                   |                   |
|         | 1 <sup>st</sup> offence:                        |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or prescribed dog</li> </ul> | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                                | -                     | \$2,500           | \$210             |
|         | Subsequent offence:                             |                       |                   |                   |
|         | Dangerous or prescribed dog                     | -                     | \$10,000          | \$750             |
| 44(1)   | Person encourages dog attack                    | 2 yrs                 | \$10,000          | -                 |
|         | Dangerous or prescribed dog (see s 44(3))       |                       |                   |                   |
|         |                                                 | 4 yrs                 | \$20,000          | -                 |
| 44(2)   | Person who owns dog who attacks                 |                       |                   |                   |
|         | 1 <sup>st</sup> offence:                        |                       |                   |                   |

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                  | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
|         | - Dangerous or prescribed dog (see s 44(3))      | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | Subsequent offence:                              |                       |                   |                   |
|         | Dangerous or prescribed dog                      | -                     | \$10,000          | \$750             |
| 45      | Transporting dogs unrestrained in vehicle        | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 45A     | Miscellaneous duties relating to dogs            |                       |                   |                   |
|         | 1) Where dog injures person on property          |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or prescribed dog</li> </ul>  | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | 2) Dog in grounds of school, kindergarten, child |                       |                   |                   |
|         | care centre or pre-school without permission     |                       |                   |                   |
|         | of person in charge                              |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or prescribed dog</li> </ul>  | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | 3) Dog in shop without permission of shopkeeper  |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or prescribed dog</li> </ul>  | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | 4) Dog chasing vehicle                           |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or prescribed dog</li> </ul>  | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | - Any other case                                 | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | 5) Noisy/ barking dogs                           | -                     | \$1,250           | \$315             |
|         | 6) Failure to remove dog faeces                  | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 45B     | Specific duties relating to prescribed breeds    |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (1) failure to muzzle and/or control             | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | (4) sells, gives away, advertises for sale,      | -                     | \$5,000           | -                 |
|         | etc                                              |                       |                   |                   |
| 45C     | Specific duties relating to greyhounds           |                       |                   |                   |
|         |                                                  | -                     | \$5,000           | \$315             |

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                  | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
|         | - failure to muzzle or                           |                       |                   |                   |
|         | control                                          |                       |                   |                   |
| 45D     | Specific duties relating to attack trained dogs, |                       |                   |                   |
|         | guard dogs and patrol dogs                       |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (c) not kept indoors on in enclosure             | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | (d) dog not wearing collar                       | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | (e) dog not kept under effective control         | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
|         | (f) warning signs not displayed                  | -                     | \$5,000           | \$750             |
| 47      | Courts power to make order:                      |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (a) destruction/disposal dog                     |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (b) destruction/disposal remission               |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (c) dog to be registered                         |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (ca) dog be identified in certain manner         |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (cb) dog be seized and restrained for peri       |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (d) dog to be controlled in certain manner       |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (e) abate nuisance/danger posed by dog           |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (ea) dog be desexed                              |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (eb) destruction/disposal of other dogs of owner |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (f) owner not acquire another dog                |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (g) pay compensation for inj/damage/loss etc     |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (h) any other order                              |                       |                   |                   |
|         | Failure to comply with any of above orders       | -                     | \$5,000           |                   |
| 48      | Dog may be lawfully destroyed in certain circs.  |                       |                   |                   |
|         | - Failure to notify of                           | -                     | \$250             | -                 |
|         | actions                                          |                       |                   |                   |
| 55(1)   | Contravention of Orders                          |                       |                   |                   |
|         | Destruction                                      |                       | \$10,000          | \$750             |
|         | order                                            | -                     |                   |                   |

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|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                     | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
|         | Control (Dangerous Dog) Order                       | -                     | \$10,000          | \$750             |
|         | Control (Menacing Dog) Order                        | -                     | \$10,000          | \$750             |
|         | Control (Nuisance Dog)                              | -                     | \$5,000           | \$500             |
|         | Order                                               |                       |                   |                   |
|         | Control (Barking Dog)                               | -                     | \$2,500           | \$500             |
|         | Order                                               |                       |                   |                   |
| 55(2)   | Defence                                             | -                     | -                 | -                 |
| 56 (1)  | Notification to Council if dog subject to an order: |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (a) attacks person or                               |                       |                   |                   |
|         | animal                                              |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (b) dog goes                                        |                       |                   |                   |
|         | missing                                             |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (c) dog                                             |                       |                   |                   |
|         | dies                                                |                       |                   |                   |
|         | (d) ownership of dog changes                        |                       |                   |                   |
|         | <ul> <li>Dangerous or prescribed dog</li> </ul>     | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | - Any other cases                                   | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 56 (2)  | Failure to notify of change of address of dog       |                       |                   |                   |
|         | subject to order                                    |                       |                   |                   |
|         | - Dangerous or prescribed dog                       | -                     | \$2,500           | \$315             |
|         | - Any other cases                                   | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 57      | Fail to notify new owner of orders                  | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 59B     | Contravention of Prohibition order                  | -                     | \$5,000           | -                 |

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## Part 5A Destruction, seizure and detention etc of dogs and cats

| Section | Offence                                                                                                           | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                                                                                   | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 64C     | Not entitled to return of dog or cat seized unless charges or fees paid                                           |                       |                   |                   |
| 64D     | Failure to notify of destruction of dog or cat                                                                    | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 64E     | Operator of facility where dog or cat seized, detained or destroyed may recover charges payable under regulations |                       |                   |                   |

# Part 7 Breeding and sale of dogs and cats

| Section | Offence                                                      | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                              | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 69      | Sell dogs or cats without registration                       | -                     | \$5,000           | \$315             |
| 70(1)   | Sale of dog or cat without microchip                         | -                     | \$5,000           | \$315             |
| 70(2)   | Sale of dog or cat not desexed                               | -                     | \$5,000           | \$315             |
| 71(1)   | Failure to give information to buyer                         | -                     | \$5,000           | \$315             |
| 71(2)   | Failure to contain all information in advertisement for sale | -                     | \$5,000           | \$315             |

#### Part 8 Miscellaneous

| Section | Offence                                  | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                          | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 81(1)   | Assistance dog refusal/entry etc         | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |
| 81(2)   | Claim assistance dog when not accredited | -                     | \$1,250           | \$210             |

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| Section | Offence                                                           | Imprisonment (maximum | Fine              | Expiation         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         |                                                                   | penalty)              | (maximum penalty) | (maximum penalty) |
| 81A     | Interference with dog or cat in lawful custody                    | -                     | \$5,000           | -                 |
| 82      | False /Misleading statements:                                     |                       |                   |                   |
|         | - with knowledge                                                  | -                     | \$10,000          | -                 |
|         | <ul> <li>in any other case</li> </ul>                             | -                     | \$2,500           | -                 |
| 85      | Continuing offences                                               |                       |                   |                   |
|         | Penalty for substantive offence + penalty for                     |                       |                   |                   |
|         | each day up to 1/10 of maximum penalty for that                   |                       |                   |                   |
|         | offence                                                           |                       |                   |                   |
| 86      | General defences                                                  |                       |                   |                   |
| 89      | Money to be paid to council where complaint initiated by council. |                       |                   |                   |

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