

Sensible solutions for dangerous dogs.

20. Penalties.

1. An owner of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog who violates the provisions of Sections 7, 8, and 9 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$XXXX or imprisonment, or both, for a first offense and not more than \$XXXX or imprisonment, or both, for a second offense.
2. An owner of such a dog that causes serious injury to or kills a human being or a domestic animal without provocation shall be fined up to \$XXXX.
3. Civil fines, penalties, and fees may be imposed as alternative sanctions for any infraction of the provisions of this act, or the rules issued under authority of this act.

Offenses where a dog attacks a person or animal;

1. If a dog attacks a person or an animal (other than vermin),
2. The owner of the dog or
3. The person in charge is guilty of an offence.

First offence.

Penalty units.

1. Second offence, or for a potentially dangerous dog – 2 x XX penalty units.
2. For a dangerous dog = 4 x XX penalty units.

It is not an offence under this section.

1. If the dog was being teased, mistreated, attacked, or otherwise provoked.
2. If the incident occurs because of the person or animal trespassing on property on which the dog was being kept.
3. If the dog was acting in reasonable defense of a person or property.

4. During lawful hunting.
5. While working stock or the training of the dog in working stock.

These mitigating factors do not apply if a potentially dangerous dog or dangerous dog was not being kept in accord with the conditions of their registration.

Dog must not be encouraged to attack.

1. A person who sets on or urges a dog to attack any person or animal other than vermin is guilty of an offence.

Penalty.

1. First offense – XX penalty units (min \$10,000).
2. Second offense, or for a potentially dangerous dog – 2 x XX penalty units + imprisonment.
3. For a dangerous dog = 4 x XX penalty units + imprisonment.

It is not an offence under this section if:

1. The person was acting in the reasonable defense of a person or property.
2. During lawful hunting.
3. While working stock or the training of the dog in working stock.

Disqualification from owning a dog.

A person who is convicted of offenses of.

1. Failing to keep a potentially dangerous dog or a dangerous dog according to the provisions of the permit or
2. Keeping or using a dog in the process of a crime or
3. Keeping or using a dog for fighting or
4. Encouraging any dog to attack or
5. Keeping a dog which they know to be dangerous without declaring it to the authority, which attacks a person or animal.
6. Can be disqualified by a court from owning a dog for a period set by the Court.

That's it – Gawie Manjaro – MK.

