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No. 1741.

An Act relating to the Destruction of Wild Dogs.

[6th November, 1901.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Wild Dogs Act* 1901.

Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Act "wild dog" means a dingo or any undomesticated dog generally known as a wild dog inhabiting the bush and apparently having no owner and being under no control and which in the opinion of the Dog Inspector of any municipality is a wild dog and not a dog apparently belonging to a breed commonly owned or kept by persons residing in Victoria.

Definition of wild dog.

3. The council of every municipality shall out of the municipal fund thereof from time to time pay by way of bonus or reward a sum of Twenty shillings for the destruction of every wild dog destroyed within the boundaries of such municipality after the passing of this Act. Provided that the council of any municipality shall not be compelled to pay in any one financial year for the destruction of wild dogs a total sum exceeding Two hundred pounds.

Power to pay for destruction of wild dogs.

4. (1) Every person claiming to be entitled to any such bonus or reward for the destruction of a wild dog shall if required to do so by any councillor or clerk or officer of such municipality before payment

Conditions of payment.

payment thereof furnish to the council of such municipality a statutory declaration setting forth the parish and particular place in such municipality in which and when such wild dog was destroyed and declaring that such dog was a dingo or (as the case may be) an undomesticated dog inhabiting the bush and apparently had no owner and was under no control and that he did not breed or raise the said wild dog nor was it done by any one to his knowledge or belief and he shall also hand to the said councillor or clerk or officer the skin of such dog.

Skin to be dried &c.

(2) Such skin shall before being handed to such councillor or clerk or officer as aforesaid be thoroughly dried and properly freed from fat or other objectionable matter.

Governor in Council to refund moiety of amount paid for destruction of wild dogs.

5. (1) The Governor in Council shall in each year pay to the council of each municipality a sum equal to one-half of the amount paid pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Act by such council during the twelve months ending the thirtieth day of June in such year by way of bonus or reward for the destruction of wild dogs.

(2) No sum shall be payable by the Governor in Council for any such twelve months unless on or before the thirty-first day of July in any year the council of the municipality sends to the Minister a written claim under the seal of the municipality for such sum as aforesaid made up to the preceding thirtieth day of June and also furnishes him with such evidence as the Minister may require.

Council may increase reward for destruction of wild dogs.

6. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the council of any municipality may out of the municipal fund thereof from time to time pay such larger sums than Twenty shillings by way of bonus or reward for the destruction of wild dogs as to such council seems fit : Provided however that the Governor in Council shall not pay to the council of any municipality any sum exceeding Ten shillings for any wild dog destroyed.

One-half reward for destruction of wild dogs under the age of six months.

7. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained only one-half of the said amounts shall be paid in the case of any wild dog under the age of six months.

Limit of expenditure.

8. The amount which in any financial year may be paid to municipalities pursuant to this Act shall not in the whole exceed Five hundred pounds.

Duration of Act.

9. This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of July One thousand nine hundred and four and no longer unless Parliament otherwise determines.

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