

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMITÉ DES CONNÉTABLES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010**

Question

“Would the Chairman advise the Assembly whether all Parishes keep registers of all the dogs within their respective Parishes; whether the conditions of the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961 are being met and enforced, particularly in respect of mandatory identity discs, and can he also advise the Assembly how anyone who was injured by a dog could access the information held by the Parishes?”

Answer

Each Parish maintains a register of dogs for which an annual licence has been purchased.

The Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961 requires all dogs over 6 months old, other than those trained to assist visually or hearing impaired persons, to be licensed and requires every dog while on a highway or in any other public place to wear a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed on the collar or on a plate or badge attached thereto. The law is enforced and where the Connétable is made aware of an infraction then the appropriate action will be taken.

A person who is injured by a dog should report the matter to the police so that the matter may be investigated. The Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961 also makes provision for the Magistrate’s Court, where it is satisfied on the representation of any person that a dog is dangerous or is not kept under proper control, to make an order that the dog shall be kept under proper control; or that the dog shall be destroyed.