

# **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Amendment) Bill**

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Amendment of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

- (1) The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (dogs bred for fighting), after subsection (8) insert—
- “(8A) Before making an order under subsection (1)(c) above, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) carry out a public consultation on the proposed order, and
  - (b) publish information about—
    - (i) the number of fatalities, in each of the preceding three years, resulting from bites of dogs of the type to which the proposed order relates, and
    - (ii) the number of fatalities, in each of the preceding three years, resulting from bites of other types of dog.”
- (3) In section 2 (other specially dangerous dogs), after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) Before making an order under this section, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) carry out a public consultation on the proposed order, and
  - (b) publish information about—
    - (i) the number of fatalities, in each of the preceding three years, resulting from bites of dogs of the type to which the proposed order relates, and
    - (ii) the number of fatalities, in each of the preceding three years, resulting from bites of other types of dog.”

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**2 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Amendment) Act 2025.

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*Presented by Sir Christopher Chope*

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