



17th November 2025

Dear Deputy Jeune,

Thank you for your letter dated 12th November 2025 regarding the Draft Dogs Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.63/2025). I wish to clarify the extent of engagement between the States of Jersey Police and those responsible for developing the proposed amendments:

1. Consultation Process

The States of Jersey Police were not formally consulted during the development of the Draft Dogs Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. We became aware of the proposed changes only by chance, during a separate meeting with the JSPCA on 8th September 2025. Prior to this, there had been no direct approach or invitation to provide input on the draft legislation.

2. Raising Concerns

Following our discovery of the proposals, representatives from the States of Jersey Police attended a meeting on 19th September 2025 with the Comité des Connétables, where we highlighted concerns regarding the operational implications of the draft amendments. At this meeting, we outlined several issues, including the practicalities of enforcement and the potential impact on police resources and facilities.

3. Seizure of Stray Dogs or Dogs Dangerously Out of Control

The seizure of stray dogs has predominantly been the role of the Honorary Police. However, these amendments have highlighted the lack of facilities and personnel to deal with dangerously out-of-control dogs. I can clarify that the States of Jersey Police do not have specifically trained officers for dealing with dangerous dogs.

4. Definition of a Police Officer

It is interpreted that the term “police officer” refers to a States of Jersey Police officer and not an Honorary Police officer. We request that this distinction is clarified and made more explicit in the legislation.

5. Dealing with the Seizure of Dogs Dangerously Out of Control under the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961

A recent case has highlighted the lack of kennelling facilities and trained individuals for dealing with these types of cases. We recently required mutual aid from specially



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trained officers from the UK to travel to Jersey and remove a dog to the UK. This came at an expense to the Island and highlighted the lack of facilities and expertise on Island.

I trust this clarifies the timeline and nature of our involvement. I am happy to provide further detail on our concerns should this be required.

Yours sincerely,
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