



# Animal Welfare Act 2006

## CHAPTER 45

### ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006

#### *Introductory*

- 1 Animals to which the Act applies
- 2 “Protected animal”
- 3 Responsibility for animals

#### *Prevention of harm*

- 4 Unnecessary suffering
- 5 Mutilation
- 6 Docking of dogs' tails
- 7 Administration of poisons etc.
- 8 Fighting etc.

#### *Promotion of welfare*

- 9 Duty of person responsible for animal to ensure welfare
- 10 Improvement notices
- 11 Transfer of animals by way of sale or prize to persons under 16
- 12 Regulations to promote welfare

#### *Licensing and registration*

- 13 Licensing or registration of activities involving animals

#### *Codes of practice*

- 14 Codes of practice
- 15 Making and approval of codes of practice: England
- 16 Making of codes of practice: Wales

## 17 Revocation of codes of practice

*Animals in distress*

- 18 Powers in relation to animals in distress
- 19 Power of entry for section 18 purposes
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- 21 Orders under section 20: appeals

*Enforcement powers*

- 22 Seizure of animals involved in fighting offences
- 23 Entry and search under warrant in connection with offences
- 24 Entry for purposes of arrest
- 25 Inspection of records required to be kept by holder of licence
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- 27 Inspection in connection with registration
- 28 Inspection of farm premises
- 29 Inspection relating to Community obligations

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- 30 Power of local authority to prosecute offences
- 31 Time limits for prosecutions

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- 32 Imprisonment or fine
- 33 Deprivation
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- 35 Seizure of animals in connection with disqualification
- 36 Section 35: supplementary
- 37 Destruction in the interests of the animal
- 38 Destruction of animals involved in fighting offences
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- 6 Exercise of licensing functions
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- 11 Fees

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- 13 Registering authority
- 14 Where the registering authority is a local authority, regulations may...
- 15 Exercise of registration functions
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#### Part 3 — SUPPLEMENTARY

- 18 Power to make regulations under section 13(7) includes power—
- 19 (1) Power to make regulations under section 13 includes power...

### SCHEDULE 2 — Powers of entry, inspection and search: supplementary

- 1 Safeguards etc. in connection with powers of entry conferred by warrant
- 2 (1) This paragraph and paragraph 3 have effect in relation...
- 3 (1) A warrant may be executed by any inspector.
- 4 Duty to produce evidence of identity
- 5 Power to take persons onto premises
- 6 Duty to exercise power of entry at reasonable time
- 7 Power to require assistance
- 8 Power to take equipment onto premises

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- 9 Duty to leave premises secured
- 10 Functions in connection with inspection and search
- 11 A person who takes a sample from an animal pursuant...
- 12 (1) Paragraph 10(2)(j) does not include power to seize an...
- 13 As soon as reasonably practicable after having exercised a power...
- 14 (1) A person exercising a power of search conferred by...
- 15 Functions in connection with entry under section 19
- 16 Offences

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Minor and consequential amendments

- 1 Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925 (c. 38)
- 2 Cinematograph Films (Animals) Act 1937 (c. 59)
- 3 Pet Animals Act 1951 (c. 35)
- 4 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1954 (c. 40)
- 5 Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 (c. 43)
- 6 Riding Establishments Act 1964 (c. 70)
- 7 Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (c. 60)
- 8 Guard Dogs Act 1975 (c. 50)
- 9 Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (c. 38)
- 10 Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)
- 11 Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (c. 37)
- 12 Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (c. 14)
- 13 Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996 (c. 3)
- 14 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16)

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals