



Zoo Licensing Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 37

Enforcement

[^{F1}16G Powers of entry **E+W**]

- (1) For the purpose of giving effect to arrangements under section 16E(7) or (8), a person duly authorised by the authority for the purposes of this subsection may, on producing his authority if so required, enter the premises of the zoo for the purposes of—
 - (a) inspecting any animal found there to which the arrangements relate;
 - (b) inspecting the accommodation of any such animal;
 - (c) caring for any such animal; or
 - (d) removing any such animal.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not authorise entry into any part of the premises of the zoo which is used as a private dwelling.
- (3) If a justice of the peace is satisfied by sworn information in writing that—
 - (a) it is necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to arrangements under section 16E(7) or (8) for a person duly authorised by the authority for the purposes of this subsection to enter the premises of the zoo for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1); and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) any part of the premises to which admission for any of those purposes is sought is used as a private dwelling; or
 - (ii) admission to the premises or any part of the premises for any of those purposes has been refused,he may grant a warrant authorising that person to enter the premises, or (as the case may be) the part of the premises used as a private dwelling or to which admission has been refused, for all or any of those purposes, with or without constables and any other persons who may be necessary, and if need be by reasonable force.
- (4) A warrant granted under subsection (3) shall also specify—
 - (a) the length of time for which it is valid; and

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(b) the times at which entry may be effected,
and may contain such restrictions as the justice thinks fit.

(5) A person duly authorised for the purposes of subsection (3) shall, if so required, produce his authority and warrant before entering the premises of the zoo or part of the premises to which the warrant relates (as the case may be).]

Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 16G inserted (E.) (8.1.2003) by [S.I. 2002/3080](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2, 21](#) (which insertion is extended (W.) (22.4.2003) by virtue of [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/992), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. para. 18](#) (with [reg. 4](#)))

[^{F2}16G. Powers of entry **S**

(1) For the purpose of giving effect to arrangements under section 16E(7) or (8), a person duly authorised by the local authority for the purposes of this subsection may, on producing his authority if so required, enter the premises of the zoo for the purposes of—

- (a) inspecting any animal found there to which the arrangements relate;
- (b) inspecting the accommodation of any such animal;
- (c) caring for any such animal;
- (d) removing any such animal; or
- (e) removing any records of any such animal.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not authorise entry into any part of the premises of the zoo which is used as a private dwelling.

(3) If a sheriff is satisfied by evidence on oath that—

- (a) it is necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to arrangements under section 16E(7) or (8) for a person duly authorised by the authority for the purposes of this subsection to enter the premises of the zoo for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1); and
- (b) either—
 - (i) any part of the premises to which admission for any of those purposes is sought is used as a private dwelling; or
 - (ii) admission to the premises or any part of the premises for any of those purposes has been refused,

that sheriff may grant a warrant authorising that person to enter the premises, or (as the case may be) the part of the premises used as a private dwelling or to which admission has been refused for any or all of those purposes with or without constables and any other persons who may be necessary, and if need be by reasonable force.

(4) A warrant granted under subsection (3) shall also specify—

- (a) the length of time for which it is valid; and
- (b) the times at which entry may be effected,

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and may contain such restrictions as the sheriff thinks fit.

- (5) A person duly authorised for the purposes of subsection (3) shall, if so required, produce his authority and warrant before entering the premises of the zoo or part of the premises to which the warrant relates (as the case may be).]

Extent Information

- E2** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales

Textual Amendments

- F2** Ss. 16A-16G inserted (S.) (1.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), regs. 1(1), **21**

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