



Animal Welfare Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 45

Animals in distress

19 Power of entry for section 18 purposes

- (1) An inspector or a constable may enter premises for the purpose of searching for a protected animal and of exercising any power under section 18 in relation to it if he reasonably believes—
 - (a) that there is a protected animal on the premises, and
 - (b) that the animal is suffering or, if the circumstances of the animal do not change, it is likely to suffer.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not authorise entry to any part of premises which is used as a private dwelling.
- (3) An inspector or a constable may (if necessary) use reasonable force in exercising the power conferred by subsection (1), but only if it appears to him that entry is required before a warrant under subsection (4) can be obtained and executed.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), a justice of the peace may, on the application of an inspector or constable, issue a warrant authorising an inspector or a constable to enter premises for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1), if necessary using reasonable force.
- (5) The power to issue a warrant under subsection (4) is exercisable only if the justice of the peace is satisfied—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for believing that there is a protected animal on the premises and that the animal is suffering or is likely to suffer if its circumstances do not change, and
 - (b) that section 52 is satisfied in relation to the premises.

Commencement Information

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| I1 | S. 19 in force at 27.3.2007 for W. by S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(e) |
| I2 | S. 19 in force at 6.4.2007 for E. by S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(g) |

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animal Welfare Act 2006, Section 19.