

*These notes refer to the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (c.45)
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Enforcement Powers

Section 23: Entry and search under warrant in connection with offences

114. This section provides that a justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising an inspector or a constable to enter premises to search for evidence of offences relating to cruelty, mutilations, tail docking, administration of poisons, fighting, welfare, carrying out relevant activities without a licence or registration, or breaching a disqualification imposed under section 34 (these offences are listed in *subsection (3)*).
115. [Paragraph 10](#) of Schedule 2 confers a number of additional powers on a person exercising a power of entry under a warrant under this section. The effect of paragraph 14 of the Schedule is that a warrant authorises a person to use reasonable force in the exercise of those additional powers. Note that paragraph 1 of the Schedule imposes a number of safeguards in relation to warrants under the Act.