



# Animal Welfare Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 45

### *Prevention of harm*

#### **8 Fighting etc.**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he—
  - (a) causes an animal fight to take place, or attempts to do so;
  - (b) knowingly receives money for admission to an animal fight;
  - (c) knowingly publicises a proposed animal fight;
  - (d) provides information about an animal fight to another with the intention of enabling or encouraging attendance at the fight;
  - (e) makes or accepts a bet on the outcome of an animal fight or on the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring in the course of an animal fight;
  - (f) takes part in an animal fight;
  - (g) has in his possession anything designed or adapted for use in connection with an animal fight with the intention of its being so used;
  - (h) keeps or trains an animal for use for in connection with an animal fight;
  - (i) keeps any premises for use for an animal fight.
- (2) A person commits an offence if, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, he is present at an animal fight.
- (3) A person commits an offence if, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, he—
  - (a) knowingly supplies a video recording of an animal fight,
  - (b) knowingly publishes a video recording of an animal fight,
  - (c) knowingly shows a video recording of an animal fight to another, or
  - (d) possesses a video recording of an animal fight, knowing it to be such a recording, with the intention of supplying it.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if the video recording is of an animal fight that took place—
  - (a) outside Great Britain, or
  - (b) before the commencement date.

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(5) Subsection (3) does not apply—

- (a) in the case of paragraph (a), to the supply of a video recording for inclusion in a programme service;
- (b) in the case of paragraph (b) or (c), to the publication or showing of a video recording by means of its inclusion in a programme service;
- (c) in the case of paragraph (d), by virtue of intention to supply for inclusion in a programme service.

<sup>F1</sup>(6) .....

(7) In this section—

“animal fight” means an occasion on which a protected animal is placed with an animal, or with a human, for the purpose of fighting, wrestling or baiting;

“commencement date” means the date on which subsection (3) comes into force;

“information society services” has the meaning given in Article 2(a) of Directive 2000/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2000 on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce in the Internal Market (Directive on electronic commerce);

“programme service” has the same meaning as in the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21);

“video recording” means a recording, in any form, from which a moving image may by any means be reproduced and includes data stored on a computer disc or by other electronic means which is capable of conversion into a moving image.

(8) In this section—

- (a) references to supplying or publishing a video recording are to supplying or publishing a video recording in any manner, including, in relation to a video recording in the form of data stored electronically, by means of transmitting such data;
- (b) references to showing a video recording are to showing a moving image reproduced from a video recording by any means.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 8(6) repealed (12.11.2009) by Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25), s. 182(1)(h), Sch. 21 para. 96, Sch. 23 Pt. 5 (with s. 180)

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#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 8(1)(2)(7)(8) in force at 27.3.2007 for W. by S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(b)  
**I2** S. 8(1)(2)(7)(8) in force at 6.4.2007 for E. by S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(d)

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