



# Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 19

### *General*

#### **6 Reports**

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year an enforcement authority for one or more relevant offences (other than the Secretary of State) or the chief officer of police for a police force must give to the Secretary of State a report containing the following information in relation to that year—
  - (a) the number of fixed penalty notices issued under [section 1](#) or [2](#) by the authority or by constables in the police force in question;
  - (b) the amounts specified in the notices;
  - (c) the offences to which the notices relate.
- (2) The Secretary of State must produce and publish a report for each financial year containing—
  - (a) the information provided to the Secretary of State under [subsection \(1\)](#), and
  - (b) in relation to fixed penalty notices issued under [section 1](#) by the Secretary of State during that year, information about—
    - (i) the number of fixed penalty notices issued;
    - (ii) the amounts specified in the notices;
    - (iii) the offences to which the notices relate.
- (3) In [this section](#) “financial year” means—
  - (a) the period beginning with the day on which [this section](#) comes into force and ending with the following 31 March, and
  - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

#### **7 Regulations**

- (1) Regulations under [section 1](#) or [2](#) may contain transitional provision.
- (2) Regulations under [section 1](#) or [2](#) are to be made by statutory instrument.

- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under [section 1](#) or [2](#) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

## **8 Interpretation**

In this Act—

“enforcement authority”, for a relevant offence, has the meaning given by [section 1\(4\)](#);

“local authority” means—

- (a) a district council or county council in England,
- (b) a London borough council,
- (c) the Common Council of the City of London, or
- (d) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

“relevant offence” has the meaning given by [section 1\(2\)](#).

## **9 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (2) [Sections 1\(2\)](#) to (5), [2\(2\)](#) and (3), [4\(3\)](#) and (4), [7](#) and [8](#) and [this section](#) come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) The other provisions of this Act come into force on such day or days as the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022.