



Animal Welfare Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 45

Enforcement powers

23 Entry and search under warrant in connection with offences

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), 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, if necessary using reasonable force, in order to search for evidence of the commission of a relevant offence.
- (2) The power to issue a warrant under subsection (1) is exercisable only if the justice of the peace is satisfied—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
 - (i) that a relevant offence has been committed on the premises, or
 - (ii) that evidence of the commission of a relevant offence is to be found on the premises, and
 - (b) that section 52 is satisfied in relation to the premises.
- (3) In this section, “relevant offence” means an offence under any of sections 4 to 9, 13(6) and 34(9).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 23 modified (W.) (24.3.2010) by [Animal Welfare \(Electronic Collars\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/943\)](#), regs. 1, 4
- C2** S. 23 modified (W.) (10.9.2021) by [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/416\)](#), regs. 1(2), 20

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 23 in force at 27.3.2007 for W. by [S.I. 2007/1030](#), art. 2(1)(e)
- I2** S. 23 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 23.