

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, Part II. (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULES

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 3

EXEMPTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE OF VETERINARY SURGERY]

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 3 substituted by [S.I. 1988/526, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Sch. 3 extended (N.I) by [Welfare of Animals Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1972 \(c. 7\), s. 14\(2\)](#)

PART II

EXCLUSIONS FROM PROVISIONS OF PART I

Nothing in section 19(4)(b) of this Act shall authorise—

- (a) the castration of a male animal being—
 - (i) a horse, pony, ass or mule,
 - (ii) a bull, boar or goat which has reached the age of two months,
 - (iii) a ram which has reached the age of three months, or
 - (iv) a cat or dog;
- (b) the spaying of a cat or dog;
- (c) the removal (otherwise than in an emergency for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain or suffering) of any part of the antlers of a deer before the velvet of the antlers is frayed and the greater part of it has been shed;
- (d) the desnooding of a turkey which has reached the age of 21 days;
- (e) the removal of the combs of any poultry which have reached the age of 72 hours;
- (f) the cutting of the toes of a domestic fowl or turkey which has reached the age of 72 hours;
- (g) the performance of a vasectomy or the carrying out of electro-ejaculation on any animal or bird kept for production of food, wool, skin or fur or for use in the farming of land;
- (h) the removal of the supernumerary teats of a calf which has reached the age of 3 months; or
- (i) the dehorning or disbudding of a sheep or goat, except the trimming of the insensitive tip of an ingrowing horn which, if left untreated, could cause pain or distress.

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