



# Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 29

### 2 Offences relating to animal fights.

(1) In <sup>F1</sup>... section 31 of the <sup>M1</sup>City of London Police Act 1839 <sup>F1</sup>... (penalties for offences relating to animal fights) for the references to level 1 on the standard scale there shall be substituted references to level 4 on that scale.

<sup>F2</sup>(2) .....

(3) After section 1 of the <sup>M2</sup>Protection of Animals (Scotland) Act 1912 there shall be inserted—

#### **“1A Offence of being present at animal fights.**

(1) A person who is present when animals are placed together for the purpose of their fighting each other shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

(2) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) above to prove that he had a reasonable excuse for being so present.

#### **1B Offence of advertising animal fights.**

If a person who publishes or causes to be published an advertisement for a fight between animals knows that it is such an advertisement he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.”

(4) Subsection (1) above does not affect the punishment for an offence committed before the coming into force of this Act. Short title, repeals, commencement and extent.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1988, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 2(1) repealed (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#) (c. 45), s. 68(3), [Sch. 4](#) (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(m); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(m)
- F2** S. 2(2) repealed (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#) (c. 45), s. 68(3), [Sch. 4](#) (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(m); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(m)

### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1839 c. xciv.
- M2** 1912 c. 14.

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