



# Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

## CHAPTER 7

### WELFARE OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972

#### PART I

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#### PART II

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- 11 Regulations with respect to the safety, etc., of animals.
- 11A Livery establishments and other premises where horses are kept.
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### **SCHEDULES**

#### **SCHEDULE 1 — OPERATIONS WHICH MAY BE PERFORMED WITHOUT AN ANAESTHETIC**

- 1 Any experiment duly authorised under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 .
- 2 The making of injections or extractions by means of a hollow needle.
- 3 The rendering in emergency of first aid for the purpose of saving life or relieving...
- 4 Any minor operation performed by a veterinary surgeon, being an operation which by reason of...
- 5 Any minor operation, whether performed by a veterinary surgeon or by some other person, being...
- 6 Tail docking— (i) in the case of dogs, before their eyes are open; (ii) in...
- 7 Castration— (i) by the application of a rubber ring or other constricting device to a...
- 8 The disbudding of calves by chemical cauterisation applied before the second week of life.
- 9 The amputation of the dew claws of a dog before its eyes are open.

— Schedule 2—Repeals

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