



# Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 7

### PART II

#### CONTROL OF PETSHOPS, ANIMAL BOARDING, RIDING AND ZOOLOGICAL ESTABLISHMENTS

#### 10 Offences and penalties.

(1) Any person who—

- (a) keeps an unlicensed petshop, animal boarding, riding or zoological establishment; or
- (b) being licensed, fails, after reasonable warning, to comply with any condition contained in his licence; or
- (c) gives information which he knows to be false in a material particular to an authorised officer acting in the exercise of his functions under this Part; or
- (d) wilfully obstructs or delays an authorised officer in the exercise of his functions under this Part;

shall be guilty of an offence.

[<sup>F1</sup>(1A) Any person who carries on a business of selling animals as pets in a street or public place, or from a vehicle, stall or barrow, shall be guilty of an offence.]

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) Any person guilty of an offence under subsection (1)( *a*), ( *b*) or ( *c*) or subsection (1A) shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale or to both, and any person guilty of an offence under subsection (1)( *d*) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.]

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 10.