



# Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 7

### PART III

#### PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

#### 13 Acts of cruelty.

Subject to section 15, any person who—

- (a) cruelly beats, kicks, ill-treats, over-rides, over-drives, over-loads, tortures, infuriates or terrifies any animal; or
- (b) conveys or carries any animal in such manner as to cause that animal any unnecessary suffering; or
- (c) wilfully, without reasonable cause or excuse, administers to or causes to be taken by any animal any poisonous or noxious substance; or
- (d) uses rubber bands or any other form of constriction for the purpose of dehorning any animal; or
- (e) without reasonable cause or excuse, abandons, whether permanently or not, any animal of which he is the owner or has charge or control, in circumstances likely to cause the animal any unnecessary suffering; or
- (f) exposes for sale any animal bearing unhealed wounds from castration or other operation; or
- (g) causes, procures or, being the owner, permits any of the acts of cruelty specified in paragraphs (a) to (f) or causes or procures or, being the owner, permits the causing of any unnecessary suffering to any animal;

shall be guilty of an offence of cruelty within the meaning of this Part.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 13.