



# Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 7

### PART III

#### PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

#### 25 Penalties.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), any person guilty of an offence of cruelty within the meaning of this Part shall be liable on summary conviction<sup>[F1]</sup> to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.]
- (2) Where the owner of an animal is convicted of permitting cruelty within the meaning of this Part by reason only of his having failed to exercise reasonable care and supervision, he shall not be liable to imprisonment without the option of a fine.

**F1** [1994 NI 6](#)

**F1** Act repealed (prosp.) by [Welfare of Animals Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 16\)](#), ss. 57(2), 59, [Sch. 5](#) (with ss. 1(2), 52(1), 53, 54) and the repeal being partly in operation, as to which see individual sections

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/01/2006.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 25.