



Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

1972 CHAPTER 7

PART III

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

26 Power of the court to order destruction of an animal.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), where the owner of an animal is convicted of an offence of cruelty within the meaning of this Part, the court may, where it is satisfied that it would be cruel to keep the animal alive, order it to be destroyed as humanely as possible.
- (2) The court shall not make an order under subsection (1) unless the owner of the animal consents or a veterinary surgeon certifies that it would be cruel to keep the animal alive.
- (3) Any expenses reasonably incurred in destroying an animal under this section may be recovered from the owner summarily as a civil debt.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 26.