

# Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

**1972 CHAPTER 7** 

## PART IV

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### 29 Interpretation.

#### (1) In this Act—

"animal" includes bird, fish and reptile;

"authorised officer" means an officer of the Ministry generally or specially authorised in writing by the Ministry for the purposes of this Act;

"domestic animal" means any animal which is tame or which has been or is being tamed;

"horse" means any member of the equine species;

"Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture;

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"police officer" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or of any Harbour Police;

"premises" includes land;

"statutory provision" has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

"veterinary surgeon" has the meaning assigned to it by the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, and includes a veterinary practitioner within the meaning of that Act.

(2) A reference in this Act to any animal shall include a reference to the male, female and young of that animal.

### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, Section 29.