



Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Act 2020

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- (1) This section applies where an offence under section 1 is committed by—
 - (a) a body corporate;
 - (b) a partnership;
 - (c) an unincorporated association other than a partnership.
- (2) A person mentioned in subsection (3) also commits the offence if the offence is proved to have been—
 - (a) committed by, or with the consent or connivance of, that person, or
 - (b) attributable to any neglect on the part of that person.
- (3) The persons are—
 - (a) in relation to a body corporate, a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate;
 - (b) in relation to a partnership, a partner in the partnership;
 - (c) in relation to an unincorporated association other than a partnership, any officer of the association or any member of its governing body.
- (4) In subsection (3)(a), “director” in relation to a body corporate whose affairs are managed by its members means a member of the body corporate.
- (5) In this Act, “partnership” means—
 - (a) a partnership within the [Partnership Act 1890 \(c. 39\)](#), or
 - (b) a limited partnership registered under the [Limited Partnerships Act 1907 \(c. 24\)](#).

7 Proceedings: offences committed by partnerships and unincorporated associations

- (1) Proceedings for an offence under section 1 alleged to have been committed by a partnership are to be brought in the name of the partnership (and not in that of any of the partners).
- (2) Proceedings for an offence under section 1 alleged to have been committed by an unincorporated association other than a partnership are to be brought in the name of the association (and not in that of any of its members).
- (3) Rules of court relating to the service of documents have effect as if the partnership or unincorporated association were a body corporate.
- (4) Section 33 of the [Criminal Justice Act 1925 \(c. 86\)](#) and Schedule 3 to the [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43\)](#) apply in proceedings for an offence brought against a partnership or an unincorporated association as they apply in relation to a body corporate.