



# Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

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## PART 2

### ANIMAL WELFARE

#### *Promotion of welfare*

#### **29 Abandonment**

- (1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—
  - (a) abandons an animal for which the person is responsible, and
  - (b) does so in circumstances likely to cause it unnecessary suffering.
- (2) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—
  - (a) leaves unattended an animal for which the person is responsible, and
  - (b) fails to make adequate provision for its welfare.
- (3) The considerations to which regard is to be had in determining, for the purposes of subsection (2), whether such provision has been made include—
  - (a) the kind of animal concerned and its age and state of health,
  - (b) the length of time for which it is, or has been, left,
  - (c) what it reasonably requires by way of—
    - (i) food and water,
    - (ii) shelter and warmth.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** [S. 29](#) in force at 6.10.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/482](#), [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, Section 29.