



# Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 2006 asp 11

## PART 2

### ANIMAL WELFARE

#### *Promotion of welfare*

#### **30 Sale of animals to children**

- (1) A person (“person A”) commits an offence if person A sells an animal to a person (“person B”) who is under 16 years of age.
- (2) It is a defence to a charge of an offence under subsection (1) for person A to demonstrate that person A—
  - (a) having been shown convincing evidence (for example, a passport or a photocard driving licence) of person B’s identity and age, or
  - (b) having no reasonable cause to suspect from person B’s appearance that person B was under 16 years of age,  
believed that person B was aged 16 years or over.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), selling an animal includes transferring, or agreeing to transfer, ownership of the animal in consideration of entry by the transferee into another transaction.