



# Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020

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**The Bill for this Act of the Scottish Parliament was passed by the Parliament on 17th June 2020 and received Royal Assent on 21st July 2020**

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to increase penalties for the most serious animal welfare offences, to provide for fixed penalties in relation to animal welfare offences generally, to increase the protection for service animals from being caused unnecessary suffering, to require courts to consider making disqualification orders following convictions for animal welfare offences, to provide for fixed penalties in relation to animal health offences, to increase penalties in relation to certain wildlife offences, to provide for fixed penalties in relation to wildlife offences, to increase the protection for seals from being killed, injured or taken; to confer power on inspectors and constables, where animals have been taken into possession to alleviate their suffering, to make arrangements for the treatment, transfer or destruction of those animals; and for connected purposes.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020, Introductory Text.