



# Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020 2020 asp 14

## CHAPTER 1

### ANIMAL WELFARE, ANIMAL HEALTH AND WILDLIFE: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

#### *Review of requirements for additional animal welfare, animal health and wildlife offences*

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must conduct a review of whether the provisions of this Act are sufficient to ensure appropriate standards of animal welfare, animal health and protection of wildlife.
  - (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the review must in particular consider whether provision should be made—
    - (a) for a specific offence of theft of a pet,
    - (b) to prohibit the attaching, or causing or permitting the attaching, to a dog or other animal of a collar or other wearable device designed to administer an electric shock,
    - (c) about the appropriate penalties to be available for any such offences.
  - (3) The review must be completed as soon as practicable and no later than 1 April 2025.
  - (4) On completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
    - (a) lay a report on the review before the Scottish Parliament,
    - (b) publish the report in such manner as they consider appropriate.
  - (5) The report under subsection (4) must include a statement of—
    - (a) the action, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review,

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (b) where the Scottish Ministers do not intend to take steps to make provision for the matters in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2), their reasons for this.