2011 CHAPTER 16

PART 2

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

Promotion of welfare

Regulations for securing welfare of animals

11.—(1) The Department may by regulations make such provision as it thinks fit for the purposes of, and in connection with, securing the welfare of—

(a) animals for which a person is responsible; or

(b) the progeny of such animals.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), regulations under that subsection may, in particular—

(a) make provision imposing specific requirements for the purpose of securing that the needs of animals are met;

(b) make provision to facilitate or improve co-ordination in relation to the carrying out by different persons of functions relating to the welfare of animals.

(3) Power to make regulations under subsection (1) includes power—

(a) to provide that breach of a provision of the regulations is an offence;

(b) to apply a relevant post-conviction power in relation to conviction for an offence under the regulations;

(c) to make provision for fees or other charges in relation to the carrying out of functions under the regulations.

(4) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide that an offence specified in the regulations is to be treated as a relevant offence for the purposes of section 22.

(5) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Department must consult such persons appearing to it to represent any relevant interests as it considers appropriate.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 11.