



Animal Welfare Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 45

Licensing and registration

13 Licensing or registration of activities involving animals

- (1) No person shall carry on an activity to which this subsection applies except under the authority of a licence for the purposes of this section.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to an activity which—
 - (a) involves animals for which a person is responsible, and
 - (b) is specified for the purposes of the subsection by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (3) No person shall carry on an activity to which this subsection applies unless registered for the purposes of this section.
- (4) Subsection (3) applies to an activity which—
 - (a) involves animals for which a person is responsible, and
 - (b) is specified for the purposes of the subsection by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (2) or (4) may only be made for the purpose of promoting the welfare of animals for which a person is responsible, or the progeny of such animals.
- (6) A person commits an offence if he contravenes subsection (1) or (3).
- (7) The appropriate national authority may by regulations make provision about licences or registration for the purposes of this section.
- (8) The appropriate national authority may by regulations repeal any of the following enactments (which impose licence or registration requirements in relation to activities involving animals)—
 - (a) section 1(1) of the Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925 (c. 38);
 - (b) section 1(1) of the Pet Animals Act 1951 (c. 35);
 - (c) section 1(1) of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 (c. 43);

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- (d) section 1(1) of the Riding Establishments Act 1964 (c. 70);
 - (e) section 1(1) of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (c. 60).
- (9) Before making regulations under this section, the appropriate national authority shall consult such persons appearing to the authority to represent any interests concerned as the authority considers appropriate.
- (10) Schedule 1 (which makes provision about regulations under this section) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 13 in force at 27.3.2007 for W. by S.I. 2007/1030, **art. 2(1)(d)**
- I2** S. 13 in force at 6.4.2007 for E. by S.I. 2007/499, **art. 2(2)(f)**

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- s. 13(1) applied by [S.I. 2024/296 reg. 4](#)