



2011 CHAPTER 16

PART 2

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

Promotion of welfare

Abandonment

14.—(1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, that person abandons an animal for which that person is responsible.

(2) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, that person—

- (a) leaves unattended an animal for which that person is responsible, and
- (b) fails to make adequate provision for its welfare.

(3) The considerations to which regard is to be had in determining, for the purposes of subsection (2), whether such provision has been made include—

- (a) the kind of animal concerned and its age and state of health;
- (b) the length of time for which it is, or has been, left;
- (c) what it reasonably requires by way of—
 - (i) food and water;
 - (ii) shelter and warmth;
 - (iii) adequate light and ventilation.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 14.