
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Zoo Licensing Act 1981
Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2003**

Amendment of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981

24. In section 19 (offences and penalties)–

(a) after subsection (3) insert–

“(3A) Any person who intentionally obstructs a person duly authorised for the purposes of section 16G(1) or (3) and acting pursuant to that authorisation is guilty of an offence.

(3B) If the holder of a licence for a zoo fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a direction given under section 16A(2)(d) to close the zoo, or a section of it to the public, for a period, the holder is guilty of an offence.

(3C) If any person notified in writing of a zoo closure direction pursuant to section 19A(1) or (2) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with that direction, the operator is guilty of an offence.

(3D) If the operator of a zoo fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a local authority’s request for information under section 16E(3), the operator is guilty of an offence.

(3E) If, contrary to section 16E(5), the operator of a zoo without reasonable excuse and without the agreement of the local authority disposes of any animal kept in the zoo–

- (a) before a plan prepared under section 16E(2), has been approved by the authority;
or
- (b) otherwise than in accordance with such a plan which has been approved by the authority,

the operator is guilty of an offence.

(3F) If the operator of a zoo fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a direction given under section 16E(6), the operator is guilty of an offence.

(3G) If, contrary to section 4(8), the holder of a licence for a zoo fails without reasonable excuse to display the zoo licence or a copy of it publicly at each public entrance to the zoo the holder of the licence is guilty of an offence.”; and

(b) in subsection (4)–

(i) for “or (2)” substitute “, (2), (3A), (3B), (3C), (3E) or (3F)”, and

(ii) at the end of the subsection insert “,(3D) or (3G)”.