



Animal Welfare Act 2006

CHAPTER 45

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006

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- 1 This Part has effect in relation to regulations under section...

Licensing authority

- 2 Regulations shall provide for the licensing authority to be—
- 3 Where the licensing authority is a local authority, regulations may...

Period of licence

- 4 Regulations may, in particular— (a) make provision about the period...
- 5 Regulations may not provide for licences to be granted for...

Exercise of licensing functions

- 6 Regulations may, in particular— (a) require a licensing authority not...
- 7 Regulations shall make provision requiring a licensing authority not to...

Grant of licence subject to conditions

- 8 (1) Regulations may, in particular, make provision for the grant...

Breach of licence condition

- 9 (1) Regulations may provide for breach of a condition of...

Appeals

- 10 Regulations may, in particular, make provision for appeals in relation...

Fees

- 11 Regulations may include provision for fees or other charges in...

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Part 2 — REGISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SECTION

Introductory

12 This Part has effect in relation to regulations under section...

Registering authority

13 Regulations shall provide for the registering authority to be—
14 Where the registering authority is a local authority, regulations may...

Exercise of registration functions

15 Regulations may, in particular— (a) require a registering authority not...

Appeals

16 Regulations may, in particular, make provision for appeals in relation...

Fees

17 Regulations may include provision for fees or other charges in...

Part 3 — SUPPLEMENTARY

18 Power to make regulations under section 13(7) includes power—
19 (1) Power to make regulations under section 13 includes power...

SCHEDULE 2 — Powers of entry, inspection and search: supplementary

Safeguards etc. in connection with powers of entry conferred by warrant

1 (1) Sections 15 and 16 of the Police and Criminal...
2 (1) This paragraph and paragraph 3 have effect in relation...
3 (1) A warrant may be executed by any inspector.

Duty to produce evidence of identity

4 (1) This paragraph applies to a power of entry conferred...

Power to take persons onto premises

5 In exercising a power to which paragraph 4 applies, a...

Duty to exercise power of entry at reasonable time

6 Entry under a power to which paragraph 4 applies shall...

Power to require assistance

7 (1) This paragraph applies to a power of entry conferred...

Power to take equipment onto premises

8 In exercising a power to which paragraph 7 applies, a...

Duty to leave premises secured

9 If, in the exercise of a power of entry to...

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Functions in connection with inspection and search

- 10 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) a power of inspection...
11 A person who takes a sample from an animal pursuant...
12 (1) Paragraph 10(2)(j) does not include power to seize an...
13 As soon as reasonably practicable after having exercised a power...
14 (1) A person exercising a power of search conferred by...

Functions in connection with entry under section 19

- 15 (1) Where a person enters premises in exercise of a...

Offences

- 16 A person commits an offence if he—

SCHEDULE 3 — Minor and consequential amendments

Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925 (c. 38)

- 1 In section 4 of the Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925...

Cinematograph Films (Animals) Act 1937 (c. 59)

- 2 In section 1 of the Cinematograph Films (Animals) Act 1937...

Pet Animals Act 1951 (c. 35)

- 3 (1) Section 2 of the Pet Animals Act 1951 (pets...

Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1954 (c. 40)

- 4 (1) In the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1954, after...

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 (c. 43)

- 5 (1) In section 1 of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act...

Riding Establishments Act 1964 (c. 70)

- 6 (1) In section 1 of the Riding Establishments Act 1964...

Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (c. 60)

- 7 In section 1 of the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973...

Guard Dogs Act 1975 (c. 50)

- 8 In section 3 of the Guard Dogs Act 1975 (guard...

Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (c. 38)

- 9 In section 6 of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976...

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

- 10 In section 108 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (right...

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Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (c. 37)

- 11 In section 4 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (grant...

Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (c. 14)

- 12 (1) In section 22(5) of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act...

Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996 (c. 3)

- 13 For section 3 of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996...

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16)

- 14 (1) In section 57 of the Criminal Justice and Police...

SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals

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