

*These notes refer to the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (c.45)  
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

# **ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***General***

#### ***Section 57: Offences by bodies corporate***

210. *Subsection (1)* gives flexibility in the exercise of enforcement powers. It authorises simultaneous proceedings to be brought against a corporate body and individuals who are associated with the corporate body. This may either be as employees (but only if they are, or purport to be, holders of a relevant office) or directors or officers who were responsible for the conduct in relation to which the offence was committed.
211. By deeming members of a corporate body who have responsibility for the affairs of the organisation to be in an equivalent position to a director in relation to the management activities they undertake, *subsection (2)* makes it possible for a criminal prosecution to be brought against a member or members of a corporate body where they are responsible for the action or omission that constitutes an offence under the Act.