

*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**

#### ***Prosecutions***

#### ***Section 30: Power of local authority to prosecute offences***

132. The right to launch private prosecutions derives from the common law. This Act does not limit that right in respect of offences committed under this Act. In addition, local authorities are given a power to prosecute offences under the Act.