



Animal Welfare Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 45

Enforcement powers

28 Inspection of farm premises

- (1) An inspector may carry out an inspection in order to—
 - (a) check compliance with regulations under section 12 which relate to animals bred or kept for farming purposes;
 - (b) ascertain whether any offence under or by virtue of this Act has been or is being committed in relation to such animals.
- (2) An inspector may enter premises which he reasonably believes to be premises on which animals are bred or kept for farming purposes in order to carry out an inspection under subsection (1).
- (3) Subsection (2) does not authorise entry to any part of premises which is used as a private dwelling.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), a justice of the peace may, on the application of an inspector, issue a warrant authorising an inspector to enter premises, if necessary using reasonable force, in order to carry out an inspection under subsection (1).
- (5) The power to issue a warrant under subsection (4) is exercisable only if the justice of the peace is satisfied—
 - (a) that it is reasonable to carry out an inspection on the premises, and
 - (b) that section 52 is satisfied in relation to the premises.