

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

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

General

Section 52: Conditions for grant of warrant

198. The Act makes provision for warrants in order to obtain entry to premises in a variety of circumstances. A justice of the peace can issue warrants under sections 19(4) (animals in distress), 22(4) (seizure of animals involved in fighting), 23(1) (entry and search for evidence of offences) and 28(4) (inspection of farm premises)
199. In all of the cases cited above, one of four conditions set out in this section must be met before a magistrate can grant a warrant to allow a constable or inspector to enter. *Subsections (4) and (5)* apply equally to private dwellings and other premises.