



Abandonment of Animals Act 1960

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1 Penalties for abandonment of animals.

If any person being the owner or having charge or control of any animal shall without reasonable cause or excuse abandon it, whether permanently or not, in circumstances likely to cause the animal any unnecessary suffering, or cause or procure or, being the owner, permit it to be so abandoned, he shall be guilty of an offence of cruelty within the meaning of the principal Act and liable to the penalties prescribed by subsection (1) of section one of that Act, and the provisions of the Protection of Animals Acts shall apply to an offence under this section as they apply to an offence against the said subsection (1).

Changes to legislation:

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- Act repealed by [2006 c. 45 Sch. 4](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Abandonment of Animals Act 1960

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2007/499 art. 2](#) commences ([2006 c. 45](#))
- [S.I. 2007/1030 art. 2](#) commences ([2006 c. 45](#))
- [S.S.I. 2006/482 art. 23](#) commences ([2006 asp 11](#))