

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

Chapter 19:09 Section 2 Interpretation

In this Act:

'Animal' means:

- a. any kind of domestic vertebrate animal;
- b. any kind of wild vertebrate animal in captivity;
- c. the young of any animal referred to in paragraph a) or b)

Section 3 Offences

Any person who:

- a. Cruelly beats, kicks, ill-treats, overrides, overdrives, overloads or tortures any animal or causes any animal so to be used; or
- b. Drives or uses any animal which is so diseased or so injured or in such a physical condition that it is unfit to do any work; or
- c. Being the owner, abandons any animal or causes or permits any animal to be abandoned; or
- d. By wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act or by causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, causes any unnecessary suffering
to any animal; or
- e. Wantonly or unreasonably does or causes or procures the commission of any act likely to infuriate or terrify any animal; or
- f. Being the owner, permits in any manner aforesaid any unnecessary suffering to be caused to any animal or permits such animal to be infuriated or terrified as aforesaid; or
- g. Cruelly or unnecessarily ties up or confines any animal or causes or permits any animal so to be tied up or confined; or
- h. Conveys or carries or causes or procures or, being the owner, permits to be conveyed or carried, any animal in such a manner or position as to cause that animal any unnecessary suffering; or
- i. Causes, procures or assists at the fighting of any animal, or keeps, uses, manages or acts or assists in the management of any premises or place used for the purpose or partly for the purpose of fighting any animal, or permits any premises or place so to be kept, managed or used, or receives or causes or procures any person to receive any money for the admission of any person to such premises or place; or
- j. Without any reasonable cause or excuse, administers or causes or procures, or being the owner, permits the administration of, any poisonous or injurious drug or substances to any animal or,

without any reasonable cause or excuse, causes any such poison or substance to be taken by any animal; or

k. Subjects or causes or procures, or, being the owner, permits to be subjected, any animal to the operation which is performed without due care and humanity; Shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level five or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

For the purposes of this section, an owner shall be deemed to have permitted cruelty if he has failed to exercise reasonable care and supervision in respect of the protection from such cruelty of any animal which is his property or in his charge.”

Offences are tried in CRIMINAL court and if convicted, offenders will have a criminal record.

Please call 020 63679 or 0774 307 205 to report any acts of cruelty you may have witnessed.