

THE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT

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Law
69 of 1960.
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S. 4.

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1. This Act may be cited as the Cruelty to Animals Act. Short title.

2. In this Act— Interpreta-
tion.

“animal” means any horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, bull, cow, ox, steer, heifer, calf, mule, ass, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, boar, sow, barrow, hog, pig, goat, kid, dog, cat or any other animal, whether of the kind or species particularly mentioned, or of any other kind or species whatsoever, and whether a quadruped or not.

3. Every person who cruelly beats, ill-treats, starves, over-drives, over-rides, over-loads, abuses, tortures, or otherwise maltreats any animal, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Cruelly beat-
ing, etc.,
any animal.

4. Every person who works, or causes to be worked, any animal in such a condition as to be unfit for work whether from emaciation, or from any gall, or sore, or otherwise, and whether that condition is caused by disease or deficient feeding, or otherwise, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Working,
etc., animal
unfit for
work.

5. Every person who, by wilful negligence, causes any injury or suffering to any animal, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Causing
injury or
suffering by
wilful
negligence.

6. Every person who— Bull baiting,
etc.
 - (a) in any manner encourages, aids, or assists at the fighting or baiting of any bull, dog, cock, or other kind of animal, whether domestic or wild; or

- (b) keeps, or uses, or acts in the management of any place to be used for the purpose of fighting or baiting any such animal as aforesaid; or
- (c) being the owner or occupier thereof, permits or suffers any place to be so used; or
- (d) receives money for the admission of any other person to any place kept or used for any of the purposes aforesaid,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Causing avoidable or unnecessary pain or suffering to any animal.

7. Every person who conveys, or carries, or places in or upon any cart or other vehicle, or in or upon any vessel or boat, or otherwise, any animal, in such a manner or position as to subject such animal to avoidable or unnecessary pain or suffering, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Using or employing animal brought to be destroyed.

8. Every person who uses, or employs or permits to be used, or employed, in any manner of work, any animal which is brought or delivered to him for the purpose of being destroyed, and every person who is found using, or employing any such animal, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Causing unnecessary suffering in killing any animal.

9. Every person who, in killing any animal, wilfully, carelessly, or negligently causes it unnecessary suffering, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Using animal under two years and a half.

10. Every person who uses any animal under the age of two years and a half, in any cart, plough, or carriage, or as a beast of burden, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

Docking or nicking tails of horses, etc.

11. Every person who wilfully docks, or nicks the tail of any horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, or mule, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. And any person in whose possession any animal so docked, or nicked shall be