

# **DID YOU KNOW**

Any person or body corporate going against the Animals Act 1953 or the Animal Welfare Act 2015 can be investigated and charged in court

## Cruelty offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2015

- Cruelly beats, kicks, overloads, tortures or terrifies any animals
- Overrides or overdrives any animal, except for activities in relation to equestrian sports listed in First Schedule of the Sports Development Act 1997
- Causes, procures or, being the owner, permits any animal to be so used
- Being the owner or person in charge of any animal in confinement, fails or neglects to provide such animal with sufficient food, drink or shelter
- By wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act, causes unnecessary pain or suffering, or, being the owner, permits unnecessary pain or suffering to any animal
- Causes, procures or, being the owner, permits any animal to be confined, conveyed, lifted or carried in manner or position as to subject animal to unnecessary pain or suffering
- Employs, causes, procures or, being the owner, permits to be employed at any work or labour, any animal which in consequence of any disease, infirmity, wound or sore, or otherwise is unfit to be so employed
- Mutilates any animal in any manner including ear cropping, tail docking, defanging, declawing, branding, piercing or debarking unless in the manner as determined and certified by a veterinary authority or a registered veterinary surgeon
- Skins, roasts or kills any live animals for superstitious belief through a procedure which causes pain and suffering to the animals
- Extracts any parts of any live animals through a procedure which causes pain and suffering to the animals for the purpose of getting skins, oils or other animal products
- Dynamites, electrifies or poisons any streams, rivers or other water bodies for the purpose of killing, harvesting or catching animals
- Keeps any animal chained or tethered by using a short or heavy chain or cord, or hobbles the legs of animal

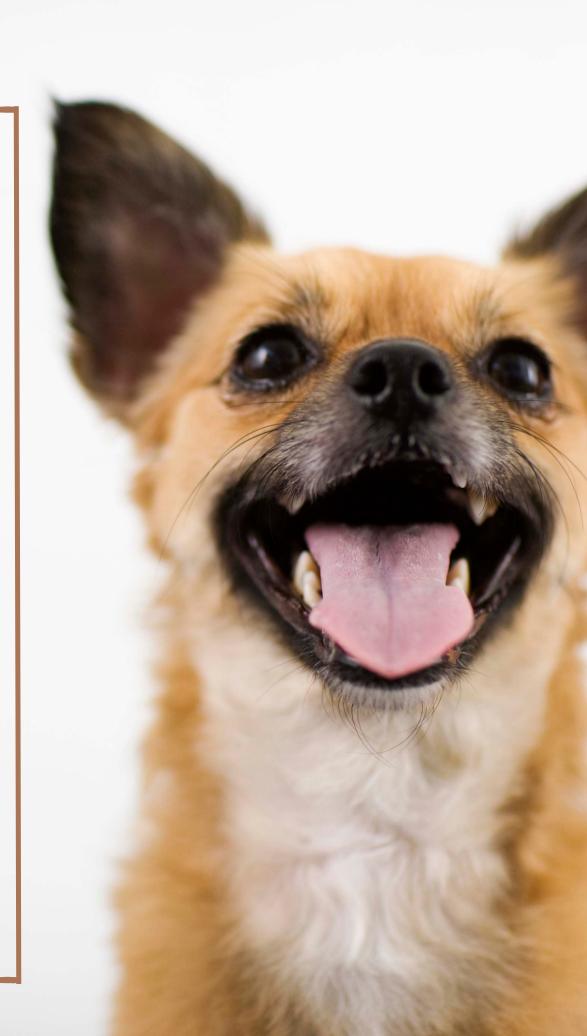
## Cruelty offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2015

- Keeps any animal chained or tethered by using a short or heavy chain or cord, or hobbles the legs of animal
- Keeps or confines any animal in any cage or other receptacle which does not measure sufficiently in height, length and width to permit the natural movement of the animal
- Offers for sale any animal which is suffering in pain by reason of mutilation, starvation, thirst, overcrowding or other ill-treatment
- Possesses, without reasonable cause, any animal which is suffering in pain by reason of mutilation, starvation, thirst, overcrowding or other ill-treatment
- Abandons any animal in circumstances which the animal is likely to suffer trauma, pain or suffering by reason of relocation, starvation, thirst, injury or illness
- Being the owner of any animal, willfully or negligently causes animal to go out unattended in any place while the animal is infected with infectious disease
- Being the owner of animal, willfully or negligently causes any diseased, disabled or injured animal to die in any place
- Causes, obtain or assists at the fighting or baiting of any animal, or keeps, uses, manages, or acts or assists in the management of any premises or place for the purpose of fighting or baiting any animal, or permits any premises or place to be so kept, managed or used, or receives or causes or obtains any person to receive, money for the admission of any person to such premises or place
- Promotes or takes part in any shooting match or competition of which animals are released from captivity for the purpose of such shooting
- Organizes, participates, promotes or in any manner is associated with any sport or activity involving the use of animals, where such animals are subjected to cruelty, either during the sport or activity itself or while in training

Punishment for cruelty offences under the Animal Welfare Act 2015 include:

- Fine not less than RM20,000.00 but not more than RM100,000.00; or
- Imprisonment for a term not more than 3 years; or

Both



#### Offences under the Animals Act 1953

- Importing animals without licence
- Importing carcass, semen, fodder, litter, dung, or any product of animals or any article or substance that is likely to convey or spread disease
- Failure to report arrival of imported animals in Peninsular Malaysia by ship, aircraft or train
- Failure to confine imported dog / cat in enclosed part of ship or in a cage or kennel on board ship, or failure to inform veterinary authority of death / loss of dog / cat on ship
- Failure to obtain permission for removal of carcass of any animal from ship, aircraft, train or vehicle
- Removing or sale of animal, bird or carcass believed to be infected with disease without permission from the veterinary authority
- Failure to abide by the orders of the veterinary authority to subject animal infected with disease to prophylactic or curative treatment
- Failure to abide by the orders of the veterinary authority to disinfect any stable, shed, pen, cage or other place in which an infected animal has been found or kept
- Failure to abide by the orders of the veterinary authority to disinfect / destroy bedding, clothing, harness, fittings, buckets, pails or utensils used for any infected animal
- Failure to abide by the orders of the veterinary authority to disinfect body and clothing of persons in contact with, in charge of, or attendant upon, any animal infected with disease
- Failure to abide by the orders of the veterinary authority to disinfect any vehicle or conveyance entering or leaving an area declared to be an infected area
- Disposing infected animal into drain, ditch, water channel, street or open space, or in a manner contrary to orders of the veterinary authority

#### Offences under the Animals Act 1953

- Failure to report animal infected with disease to veterinary authority or to the nearest Police Station
- Possessing any culture or vaccine without licence
- Keeping, harbouring or maintaining any dog over three months old without licence
- Keeping in captivity for sale, export or exhibition any animal or bird in any place which is not licensed
- Possessing bull over fifteen months of age unless such bull shall have been sterilized in a manner approved by a State Director



## Punishment for offences under the Animals Act 1953 include:

• Fine between RM50.00 to RM10,000.00;

• Imprisonment for a term between 3 months to 2 years; or

Both

#### Offences under the Penal Code

• Committing mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming, or rendering useless, any animal

#### Punishment for offences under the Penal Code:

- Fine;
- Imprisonment for a term up to 3 years; or
- Both

