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ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT 71 OF 1962

[ASSENTED TO 16 JUNE 1962]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 1 DECEMBER 1962]

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as amended by

General Law Amendment Act 102 of 1972
Animals Protection Amendment Act 7 of 1972
Animals Protection Amendment Act 54 of 1983
Animals Protection Amendment Act 20 of 1985
Animals Protection Second Amendment Act 84 of 1985
Protection of Animals Amendment Act 7 of 1991
Animal Matters Amendment Act 42 of 1993
Abolition of Corporal Punishment Act 33 of 1997

NB: See Proc 111 in GG 15813 of 17 June 1994 concerning the extent of the assignment of the administration of this Act to certain provinces.

Legislation Judicially Considered

ACT

To consolidate and amend the laws relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

1 Definitions

In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates-

'animal' means any equine, bovine, sheep, goat, pig, fowl, ostrich, dog, cat or other domestic animal or bird, or any wild animal, wild bird or reptile which is in captivity or under the control of any person;

'Minister' means the Minister of Justice;

'owner', in relation to an animal, includes any person having the possession, charge, custody or control of that animal;

'police officer' includes a member of any force established under any law for the carrying out of police powers, duties or functions;

'veterinarian' means a person registered as such under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982).

[Definition of 'veterinarian' substituted by s. 12 of Act 7 of 1991.]

¹ Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs (Proc 45 in GG 18192 of 8 August 1997), Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Proc 44 in GG 32367 of 1 July 2009) and Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (Proc 49 in GG 42657 of 23 August 2019)

2 Offences in respect of animals

(1) Any person who-

- (a) overloads, overdrives, overrides, ill-treats, neglects, infuriates, tortures or maims or cruelly beats, kicks, goads or terrifies any animal; or
[Para. (a) substituted by s. 13 (a) of Act 7 of 1991.]
- (b) confines, chains, tethers or secures any animal unnecessarily or under such conditions or in such a manner or position as to cause that animal unnecessary suffering or in any place which affords inadequate space, ventilation, light, protection or shelter from heat, cold or weather; or
- (c) unnecessarily starves or under-feeds or denies water or food to any animal; or
- (d) lays or exposes any poison or any poisoned fluid or edible matter or infectious agents except for the destruction of vermin or marauding domestic animals or without taking reasonable precautions to prevent injury or disease being caused to animals; or
- (e) being the owner of any animal, deliberately or negligently keeps such animal in a dirty or parasitic condition or allows it to become infested with external parasites or fails to render or procure veterinary or other medical treatment or attention which he is able to render or procure for any such animal in need of such treatment or attention, whether through disease, injury, delivery of young or any other cause, or fails to destroy or cause to be destroyed any such animal which is so seriously injured or diseased or in such a physical condition that to prolong its life would be cruel and would cause such animal unnecessary suffering; or
- (f) uses on or attaches to any animal any equipment, appliance or vehicle which causes or will cause injury to such animal or which is loaded, used or attached in such a manner as will cause such animal to be injured or to become diseased or to suffer unnecessarily; or
- (g) save for the purpose of training hounds maintained by a duly established and registered vermin club in the destruction of vermin, liberates any animal in such manner or place as to expose it to immediate attack or danger of attack by other animals or by wild animals, or baits or provokes any animal or incites any animal to attack another animal; or
- (h) liberates any bird in such manner as to expose it to immediate attack or danger of attack by animals, wild animals or wild birds; or
- (i) drives or uses any animal which is so diseased or so injured or in such a physical condition that it is unfit to be driven or to do any work; or
- (j) lays any trap or other device for the purpose of capturing or destroying any animal, wild animal or wild bird the destruction of which is not proved to be necessary for the protection of property or for the prevention of the spread of disease; or
- (k) having laid any such trap or other device fails either himself or through some competent person to inspect and clear such trap or device at least once each day; or
- (l) except under the authority of a permit issued by the magistrate of the district concerned, sells any trap or other device intended for the capture of any animal, including any wild animal (not being a rodent) or wild bird, to any person who is not a *bona fide* farmer; or
- (m) conveys, carries, confines, secures, restrains or tethers any animal-

- (i) under such conditions or in such a manner or position or for such a period of time or over such a distance as to cause that animal unnecessary suffering; or
- (ii) in conditions affording inadequate shelter, light or ventilation or in which such animal is excessively exposed to heat, cold, weather, sun, rain, dust, exhaust gases or noxious fumes; or
- (iii) without making adequate provision for suitable food, potable water and rest for such animal in circumstances where it is necessary; or

[Para. (m) substituted by s. 13 (b) of Act 7 of 1991.]

- (n) without reasonable cause administers to any animal any poisonous or injurious drug or substance; or
- (o)

[Para. (o) deleted by s. 2 of Act 42 of 1993.]

- (p) being the owner of any animal, deliberately or without reasonable cause or excuse, abandons it, whether permanently or not, in circumstances likely to cause that animal unnecessary suffering; or
- (q) causes, procures or assists in the commission or omission of any of the aforesaid acts or, being the owner of any animal, permits the commission or omission of any such act; or
- (r) by wantonly or unreasonably or negligently doing or omitting to do any act or causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, causes any unnecessary suffering to any animal; or
- (s) kills any animal in contravention of a prohibition in terms of a notice published in the *Gazette* under subsection (3) of this section,

[Para. (s) inserted by s. 21 (b) of Act 102 of 1972.]

shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and any other law, be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months or to such imprisonment without the option of a fine.

[Sub-s. (1) amended by s. 3 of Act 54 of 1983, by s. 5 of Act 20 of 1985, by s. 13 (c) of Act 7 of 1991 and by s. 2 of Act 33 of 1997.]

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) the owner of any animal shall be deemed to have permitted or procured the commission or omission of any act in relation to that animal if by the exercise of reasonable care and supervision in respect of that animal he could have prevented the commission or omission of such act.

(3) The Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* prohibit the killing of an animal specified in the notice with the intention of using the skin or meat or any other part of such animal for commercial purposes.

[Sub-s. (3) added by s. 21 (c) of Act 102 of 1972.]

2A Animal fights

(1) Any person who-

- (a) possesses, keeps, imports, buys, sells, trains, breeds or has under his control an animal for the purpose of fighting any other animal;
- (b) baits or provokes or incites any animal to attack another animal or to proceed with the fighting of another animal;
- (c) for financial gain or as a form of amusement promotes animal fights;
- (d) allows any of the acts referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) to take place on any premises or place in his possession or under his charge or control;
- (e) owns, uses or controls any premises or place for the purpose or partly for the purpose of presenting animal fights on any such premises or place or who acts or assists in the management of any such premises or place, or who receives any consideration for the admission of any person to any such premises or place; or
- (f) is present as a spectator at any premises or place where any of the acts referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) is taking place or where preparations are being made for such acts,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years.

(2) In any prosecution in terms of subsection (1) it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that an animal which is found at any premises or place is the property or under the control of the owner of that premises or place, or is the property or under the control of the person who uses or is in control of the premises or place.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law, a magistrate's court shall have jurisdiction to impose any penalty provided for in this section.

[S. 2A inserted by s. 3 of Act 42 of 1993.]

3 Powers of court

(1) Whenever a person is convicted of an offence in terms of this Act in respect of any animal, the court convicting him may in addition to any punishment imposed upon him in respect of that offence-

- (a) order such animal to be destroyed if in the opinion of the court it would be cruel to keep such animal alive;
- (b) order that the person convicted be deprived of the ownership of such animal;
- (c) declare the person convicted to be unfit to own or be in charge of any animal, or of any animal of a specified kind, for a specified period;
- (d) make any order with regard to such animal as it deems fit to give effect to any order or declaration made under any of the preceding paragraphs.

(2) Any person who is found in possession or in charge of any animal in contravention of a declaration made in terms of paragraph (c) of subsection (1), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the penalties prescribed in subsection (1) of section two.

4 Power of court to award damages

(1) Whenever any person is convicted by a magistrate's court of an offence under this Act and it is proved that such person has by the commission of that offence caused loss to any other person or that any other person has as the result of such offence incurred expense in providing necessary veterinary attention or treatment, food or accommodation for any animal in respect of which the offence was committed or in caring for such animal pending the making of an order by the court for the disposal thereof, the court may, on application by such other person or by the person conducting the prosecution acting on the instructions of such other person, summarily enquire into and determine the amount of the loss so caused or expense so incurred and give judgment against the person convicted and in favour of such other person for the amount so determined, but not exceeding an amount of R5 000.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 6 (a) of Act 20 of 1985.]

(2) Any such judgment shall have effect as if it had been given in a civil action duly instituted before such court.

(3) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply in respect of-

- (a) any costs incurred in connection with the custody of an animal seized in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977), for the purposes of a prosecution in terms of this Act; and
- (b) any costs incurred in connection with the destruction of an animal in terms of an order under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section three and the removal and burial or destruction of the carcass.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 9 of Act 7 of 1972 and by s. 6 (b) of Act 20 of 1985.]

5 When police officer may destroy any animal

(1) Whenever a police officer is of the opinion that any animal is so diseased or severely injured or in such a physical condition that it ought to be destroyed, he shall, if the owner be absent or refuses to consent to the destruction of the animal, at once summon a veterinarian or, if there is no veterinarian within a reasonable distance, two adult persons whom he considers to be reliable and of sound judgment, and if such veterinarian or adult persons after having duly examined such an animal certify that the animal is so diseased or so severely injured or in such physical condition that it would be cruel to keep it alive, such police officer may without the consent of the owner destroy the animal or cause it to be destroyed with such instruments or appliances and with such precautions and in such manner as to inflict as little suffering as practicable.

(2) Any police officer who destroys any animal or causes it to be destroyed in the absence of the owner shall, if such owner's name and address are known, advise him of the destruction, and where the destruction of any animal takes place on any public place or public road shall, subject to the provisions of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984), remove the carcass or cause it to be removed therefrom.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 10 of Act 7 of 1972 and by s. 14 of Act 7 of 1991.]

(3) A veterinarian may in respect of any animal exercise the powers conferred by subsection (1) upon a police officer without summoning another veterinarian, police officer or any other person, and in respect of such exercise of those powers the provisions of subsection (2) shall apply.

(4) Any expenses which may be reasonably incurred by any police officer or veterinarian in carrying out the provisions of this section may be recovered from the owner of the animal in question as a civil debt.

(5) It shall be a defence to an action brought against any person arising out of the destruction of an animal by him or with his authority, to prove that such animal was so severely injured or so diseased or in such a physical condition that it would have been cruel to have kept it alive, and that to summon a police officer or follow the procedure prescribed in this section would have occasioned unreasonable delay and unnecessary suffering to such animal.

6 Poundmaster may recover expenses

Any poundmaster shall be entitled to recover from the owner of any impounded animal any reasonable expenses necessarily incurred by him in rendering or providing veterinary or medical attention for such animal.

7 Owner may be summoned to produce animal for inspection by court

(1) A court trying any person for an alleged offence under this Act may summon the owner of any animal in respect of which such offence is alleged to have been committed to produce that animal at a time and place stated in the summons for inspection by the court.

(2) Any person who without satisfactory excuse fails to comply with a summons issued in terms of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the penalties prescribed in subsection (1) of section two.

8 Powers of officers of society for prevention of cruelty to animals

(1) If authorized thereto by writing under the hand of the magistrate of a district, any officer of any society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may in that district-

- (a) without warrant and at any time with the consent of the owner or occupier, or failing such consent on obtaining an order from a magistrate, enter any premises where any animal is kept, for the purpose of examining the conditions under which it is so kept;
- (b) without warrant arrest any person who is suspected on reasonable grounds of having committed an offence under this Act, if there is reason to believe that the ends of justice would be defeated by the delay in obtaining a warrant;
- (c) on the arrest of any person on a charge of an offence under this Act, seize any animal or thing in the possession or custody of that person at the time of the arrest and take it forthwith to a police officer, who shall deal with it in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977);

[Para. (c) substituted by s. 7 of Act 20 of 1985.]

- (d) exercise in respect of any animal the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section five upon a police officer and in respect of such exercise of those powers, the provisions of the said section shall *mutatis mutandis* apply.

(2) Any authority granted under subsection (1) may at any time for good cause be revoked by the magistrate of the district.

(3) An officer to whom authority has been granted under subsection (1) shall, when required to do so in the exercise of his powers, produce that authority for inspection.

(4) Any person who wilfully obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorized under subsection (1) in the exercise of the powers conferred upon him or conceals any animal or thing with intent to defeat the exercise of such powers, or who upon demand fails to give his name and address to such officer, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the penalties set out in subsection (1) of section two.

9 Costs may be awarded against vexatious complainant

If at the trial of any person on a charge of an offence under this Act, the court is satisfied that any person or body has without reasonable cause and vexatiously lodged or caused to be lodged the complaint which led to such trial, it may award costs, including attorney and client costs, on the magistrate's court scale, against such person or body as if the proceedings were civil proceedings between the accused and such person or body.

10 Regulations

(1) The Minister may make regulations relating to-

- (a) the method and form of confinement and accommodation of any animal or class, species or variety of animals, whether travelling or stationary;
 - (b) any other reasonable requirements which may be necessary to prevent cruelty to or suffering of any animal;
 - (c) the seizure, impounding, custody or confining of any animal due to any condition of such animal, the disposal or destruction of such animal and the recovery of any expenses incurred in connection therewith from the owner of such animal; and
- [Para. (c) substituted by s. 1 of Act 84 of 1985.]
- (d) generally such matters as are required for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act.

(2) Such regulations may prescribe penalties for contravention thereof or failure to comply therewith not exceeding a fine of R4 000 or imprisonment for a period of twelve months.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 4 of Act 54 of 1983 and by s. 8 of Act 20 of 1985 and amended by s. 15 of Act 7 of 1991.]

10A

[S. 10A inserted by s. 11 of Act 7 of 1972 and repealed by s. 16 of Act 7 of 1991.]

11 Repeal of laws

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1914 (Act 8 of 1914), the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1914, Amendment Act, 1922 (Act 14 of 1922), the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1914, Amendment Act, 1928 (Act 10 of 1928), and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Amendment Act, 1949 (Act 28 of 1949), are hereby repealed.

12 Short title and commencement

This Act shall be called the Animals Protection Act, 1962, and shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT 7 OF 1972

[ASSENTED TO 8 MARCH 1972]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 1 JANUARY 1973]

(English text signed by the State President)

ACT

To amend the provisions of the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935, and the Animals Protection Act, 1962, in order to apply those Acts to the territory of South-West Africa; to amend the provisions of the first-mentioned Act in relation to the penalties; and to provide for incidental matters.

1

Amends section 2 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting paragraph (d) of the proviso.

2 and 3

Substitute respectively sections 5 and 6 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

4

Amends section 7 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting paragraph (e).

5

Amends section 8 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting subsection (1).

6

Substitutes section 10 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

7

Amends section 11 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935, as follows: paragraph (a) substitutes the definition of 'animal'; and paragraph (b) substitutes the definition of 'police officer'.

8

Inserts section 11A in the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

9

Amends section 4 (3) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting paragraph (a).

10

Amends section 5 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting subsection (2).

11

Inserts section 10A in the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

12 Repeal of laws

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Proclamation, 1919 (Proclamation 17 of 1919), the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Proclamation, 1938 (Proclamation 24 of 1938), and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Proclamation, 1950 (Proclamation 42 of 1950), of the territory of South-West Africa, are hereby repealed.

13 Short title and commencement

This Act shall be called the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1972, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT 54 OF 1983¹

[ASSENTED TO 27 APRIL 1983]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 4 MAY 1983]

(see s. 5 of this Act)

(English text signed by the State President)

published in

GG 8691 of 4 May 1983

ACT

To amend the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935, and the Animals Protection Act, 1962, so as to further regulate certain penalties that may be imposed thereunder; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:-

¹ This Act has been updated to include all available historical commencement details

1

Amends section 7 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting paragraph (e).

2

Amends section 8 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting subsection (1).

3

Amends section 2 (1) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting the words following paragraph (s).

4

Amends section 10 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting subsection (2).

5 Short title

This Act shall be called the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1983.

ANIMALS PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT 20 OF 1985¹

[ASSENTED TO 15 MARCH 1985]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 3 APRIL 1985]

(English text signed by the State President)

published in

GG 9653 of 3 April 1985

ACT

To amend the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935, so as to amend the Afrikaans text of section 3 (2) and to increase certain penalties; to amend the Animals Protection Act, 1962, so as to increase certain fines; to increase the maximum amount of compensation which can be granted to a person in respect of loss suffered or expense incurred by him as a result of an offence committed in terms of the last-mentioned Act; to substitute a reference to a repealed Act and to delete a similar reference; and to make other provision in respect of the disposal of any animal or thing seized in the course of the prevention of cruelty to animals; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:-

¹ This Act has been updated to include all available historical commencement details

1

Amends section 3 (2) of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935, in the Afrikaans text.

2

Substitutes section 5 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

3

Amends section 7 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting paragraph (e).

4

Amends section 8 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting subsection (1).

5

Amends section 2 (1) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting the words following upon paragraph (s).

6

Amends section 4 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, as follows: paragraph (a) substitutes subsection (1); and paragraph (b) substitutes subsection (3) (a).

7

Amends section 8 (1) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting paragraph (c).

8

Amends section 10 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting subsection (2).

9 Short title

This Act shall be called the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1985.

ANIMALS PROTECTION SECOND AMENDMENT ACT 84 OF 1985¹

[ASSENTED TO 20 JUNE 1985]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 3 JULY 1985]

(English text signed by the State President)

published in

GG 9821 of 3 July 1985

ACT

To amend the Animals Protection Act, 1962, so as to empower the Minister of Justice to make regulations relating to the seizure and disposal or destruction of animals; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:-

¹ This Act has been updated to include all available historical commencement details

1

Amends section 10 (1) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting paragraph (c).

2 Short title

This Act shall be called the Animals Protection Second Amendment Act, 1985.

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS AMENDMENT ACT 7 OF 1991¹

[ASSENTED TO 15 MARCH 1991]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 1 SEPTEMBER 1993]

(Unless otherwise indicated)

(English text signed by the State President)

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GG 13112 of 28 March 1991

commencements

(see s. 17 of this Act)

provisions	date	refer to
ss. 12-16	29 November 1991	Proc 119 in GG 13644 of 29 November 1991
ss. 1-11	1 September 1993	Proc R83 in GG 15102 of 1 September 1993

ACT

To amend the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935, so as to extend the provisions of the Act to include dogs used for safeguarding; to review the fines that may be imposed in respect of offences; and to exclude the territory of South West Africa from the application of the Act; to amend the Animals Protection Act, 1962, so as to further define and extend actions constituting offences; to review the fines that may be imposed in respect of offences; and to exclude the territory of South West Africa from the application of the Act; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:-

¹ This Act has been updated to include all available historical commencement details

1 to 4 inclusive

Substitute respectively sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

5

Amends section 5 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting the expression 'R4 000' for the expression 'R2 000'.

6

Amends section 7 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935, as follows: paragraph (a) substitutes paragraph (b); and paragraph (b) substitutes paragraphs (d) and (e).

7

Amends section 8 (1) of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 by substituting the expression 'R4 000' for the expression 'R2 000'.

8

Substitutes section 9 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

9

Amends section 11 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935, as follows: paragraph (a) substitutes the definition of 'train'; and

paragraph (b) adds the definition of 'use for safeguarding'.

10

Repeals section 11 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

11

Substitutes the long title of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

12

Amends section 1 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting the definition of 'veterinarian'.

[Date of commencement of s. 12: 29 November 1991.]

13

Amends section 2 (1) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, as follows: paragraph (a) substitutes paragraph (a); paragraph (b) substitutes paragraph (m); and paragraph (c) substitutes in the words following upon paragraph (s) the expression 'R4 000' for the expression 'R2 000'.

[Date of commencement of s. 13: 29 November 1991.]

14

Amends section 5 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting subsection (2).

[Date of commencement of s. 14: 29 November 1991.]

15

Amends section 10 (2) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by substituting the expression 'R4 000' for the expression 'R2 000'.

[Date of commencement of s. 15: 29 November 1991.]

16

Repeals section 10A of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

[Date of commencement of s. 16: 29 November 1991.]

17 Short title and commencement

(1) This Act shall be called the Protection of Animals Amendment Act, 1991, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

(2) Different dates may be so fixed in respect of different provisions of this Act.

ANIMAL MATTERS AMENDMENT ACT 42 OF 1993¹

[ASSENTED TO 25 MARCH 1993]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 16 APRIL 1993]

(see s. 4 of this Act)

(Afrikaans text signed by the State President)

published in

GG 14704 of 16 April 1993

ACT

To provide for directions in respect of injuries caused by animals; to amend the Animals Protection Act, 1962, so as to further regulate the prohibition of animal fights; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the State President and the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:-

¹ This Act has been updated to include all available historical commencement details

1 Directions in respect of injuries caused by animals

(1) Any person as a result of whose negligence an animal causes injury to another person, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years.

(2) Whenever a person is convicted of an offence in terms of subsection (1), the court convicting him may in addition to any punishment imposed upon him in respect of that offence-

- (a) make an order relating to the removal, custody, disposal or destruction of the animal concerned and the recovery of any costs incurred in connection therewith;
- (b) declare the person convicted to be unfit, for a specified period, to own a certain kind of animal or an animal of a specific breed or to have it under his control or in his custody.

(3) Subsection (2) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply if any person-

- (a) as a result of whose negligence an animal causes the death of another person is found guilty of an offence with regard to such negligence;
- (b) as a result of whose deliberate action an animal causes the death of or injury or damage to another person is found guilty of an offence with regard to such action.

(4) The Minister of Justice may from time to time, with the concurrence of the Minister of State Expenditure, appropriate funds to a society for costs incurred relating to the removal, custody, disposal or destruction of an animal.

(5) (a) A person who has in terms of subsection (2) (b) been declared unfit, for a specified period, to own a certain kind of animal or an animal of a specific breed or to have it under his control or in his custody, shall, if at the time of the declaration he owns or has under his control or in his custody such an animal and such animal is not destroyed in terms of subsection (2) (a), within 14 days from the date on which such a declaration was made, make alternative arrangements for the caring of the animal for the period for which he is declared unfit to own

such an animal or to have it under his control or in his custody.

(b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), any person who owns or has under his control or in his custody an animal in contravention of a declaration made in terms of subsection (2) (b), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year.

(6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law, a magistrate's court shall have jurisdiction to impose any penalty which is provided for in this section.

2

Amends section 2 (1) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 by deleting paragraph (o).

3

Inserts section 2A in the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

4 Short title

This Act shall be called the Animal Matters Amendment Act, 1993.
