

Animal Cruelty (Sentencing) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Amendment of section 32 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006

(1) Section 32 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (Imprisonment or fine) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) A person guilty of an offence under any of sections 4, 5, 6(1) and (2), 7 and 8 shall be liable— 5

(a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both; and

(b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both.” 10

(3) For subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) A person guilty of an offence under any of section 9, 13(6) or 34(9) shall be liable— 15

(a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both; and

(b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both.” 20

2 Citation, and commencement and extent

(1) This Act may be cited as the Animal Cruelty (Sentencing) Act 2017.

- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

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