

THE ANIMALS (CONTROL OF EXPERIMENTS) ACT

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ACT

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1. This Act may be cited as the Animals (Control of Experiments) Act. Short title.
2. In this Act— Interpreta-  
tion.  
 “animal” means a living vertebrate animal;  
 “experiment” means any experiment performed on an animal and calculated to give pain;  
 “licensee” means a person licensed under section 7.
- 3.—(1) No person except a licensee shall perform any experiment. Experiments  
only to be  
performed  
by licensed  
persons.
- (2) No licensee shall perform any experiment except in accordance with the terms of his licence and subject to the restrictions imposed by this Act.
4. No licensee shall perform any experiment for the purpose of attaining manual skill. Experiments  
not to be  
performed  
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manual skill.
5. No licensee shall perform any experiment for the purpose of illustrating any lecture at any University, University College, Hospital, Medical School, Agricultural College, Farm School or any other academic institution unless he is the holder of a teaching permit under this Act, and unless the experiment is of a class specified in such permit and is performed in accordance with the terms of such permit. Prohibition  
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Restrictions upon performances of experiments by licensee.

6.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 5, no licensee shall perform any experiment except—

- (a) for the purpose of the advancement by new discovery of physiological knowledge, or of any knowledge which will be useful for saving or prolonging life, or alleviating suffering, or for combating any disease whether of human beings, animals or plants;
- (b) for the purpose of testing any former discovery alleged to have been made for the advancement of the types of knowledge referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) by the order in writing of any Judge of the Supreme Court in any case where such Judge is satisfied that it is essential for the purpose of justice in a criminal case to make such experiment.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), no licensee shall perform any experiment unless—

- (a) throughout the whole of the experiment the animal is under the influence of some anaesthetic of sufficient power to prevent the animal feeling pain; and
- (b) if the pain is likely to continue after the effect of the anaesthetic has ceased, or if any serious injury has been inflicted on the animal, the animal is killed before it recovers from the influence of the anaesthetic which has been administered.

(3) The provisions of subsection (2) shall not apply to any licensee who is the holder of a special permit granted under section 9 in relation to any experiment specified in such special permit.

Grant of licence.

7.—(1) The Minister may grant a licence to any person to perform any experiment for any purpose specified in