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An Act to make provision for the protection of animals

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Protection of Animals Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**animal**” means any domestic or captive animal;

“**domestic animal**” means any horse, ass, mule, bull, sheep, pig, goat, dog, cat, or fowl, or any other animal of whatsoever kind or species, and whether a quadruped or not, which is tame or which has been or is being sufficiently tamed to serve some purpose for the use of man;

“**captive animal**” means any animal (not being a domestic animal) of whatsoever kind of species, and whether a quadruped or not, including any bird, fish, or reptile, which is in captivity, or confinement, or which is maimed, pinioned, or subjected to any appliance or contrivance for the purpose of hindering or preventing its escape from captivity or confinement;

“**inspector**” means a person appointed as such for the purposes of this Act by the Minister; and

“**veterinary officer**” means an officer in the service of the Veterinary Department of the Government.

3. Offences of cruelty

(1) If any person—

- (a) shall cruelly beat, kick ill-treat, override, overload, torture, infuriate, or terrify any animal, or shall cause or procure, or, being the owner, permit any animal to be so used, or shall by wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act, or causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, cause any unnecessary suffering or being the owner, permit unnecessary suffering to be so caused to any animal;
- (b) shall convey or carry, or cause or procure, or, being the owner, permit to be conveyed or carried, any animal in such a manner or position as to cause that animal any unnecessary suffering;
- (c) shall cause, procure, or assist at the fighting or baiting of any animal, or shall keep use manage or act or assist in the management of, any premises or place for the purpose, or partly for the purpose, of fighting or baiting any animal, or shall permit any premises or place to be so kept, managed, used, or shall receive or cause or procure any person to receive, money for the admission of any person to such premises or place;