



Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 22

An Act to make provision for an Animal Sentience Committee with functions relating to the effect of government policy on the welfare of animals as sentient beings. [28th April 2022]

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:—

Animal Sentience Committee

1 Animal Sentience Committee

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish and maintain a committee called the Animal Sentience Committee.
- (2) The members of the Committee are to be appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The appointment of a person to the Committee is to be on such terms as the Secretary of State may determine when making the appointment.

2 Reports of the Committee

- (1) When any government policy is being or has been formulated or implemented, the Animal Sentience Committee may produce a report containing its views on the question in subsection (2).
- (2) The question is whether, or to what extent, the government is having, or has had, all due regard to the ways in which the policy might have an adverse effect on the welfare of animals as sentient beings.
- (3) The report may also contain recommendations as to the steps the Committee considers the government should take for the purpose in subsection (4).