STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ANIMALS, ENGLAND

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Cats, Dogs, and Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids (Appointed Day and Revocations) (England) Order 2018

Made - - - - 1st March 2018

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 15(5) and (7) and 17(1) and (2) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 ("the Act")(**1**).

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, the Secretary of State published draft codes of practice, consulted on the drafts such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to represent any interests concerned as the Secretary of State considered appropriate and considered any representations made by them.

In accordance with section 15(2) of the Act, the Secretary of State laid drafts of the codes of practice referred to in article 2 of this instrument before Parliament on 21st December 2017.

In accordance with section 15(4) of the Act, within a period of forty days(**2**) neither House resolved not to approve the drafts and the Secretary of State issued the codes in the form of the drafts.

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Cats, Dogs, and Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids (Appointed Day and Revocations) (England) Order 2018.

Appointed day

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of the following codes of practice is 6th April 2018—

(a) the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Cats;

(b) the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs;

(c) the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids.

(**1**) 2006 c. 45. For the purpose of issuing and revising codes of practice under section 14, the Secretary of State is the "appropriate national authority" in relation to England, as defined in section 62(1).

(**2**) The "40-day period" is defined in section 15(8) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.