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WELFARE OF ANIMALS

Appointed Day

ORDER, DATED THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 31 OF THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

WHEREAS by section 31 of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(**a**) the provisions of Part II of that Act shall come into force on such day or days as the Minister may by Order appoint:

AND WHEREAS by sub-section 1(*a*) of section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**b**) it is provided that so long as that section has effect all functions which apart from that Act belong to any Minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 31 of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Welfare of Animals (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972.

2. Part II of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall come into operation on the 1st day of February 1973.

Dated this 6th day of December 1972.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

(**a**) 1972. c. 7 (N.I.). (**b**) 1972. c. 22.