

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment.

Act No. 11, 1899.

PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY
TO ANIMALS ACT
AMENDMENT.An Act to amend the law respecting Cruelty to
Animals. [20th November, 1899.]Preamble.
14 Victoria No. 40.

WHEREAS the Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "*An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*" is defective in certain respects and requires amendment as hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

"Animal" defined.

1. The word "animal" in this and the above recited Act hereinafter called the "Principal Act" shall mean and include any species of quadruped, and every species of bird, whether in a natural or domestic state.

Carrying animals so
as to cause needless
pain.

2. The carrying of an animal so as to cause unnecessary suffering shall be deemed an offence under this and the Principal Act, whether such carrying be in or upon a vehicle or not, and shall be punishable in the manner provided in section four of the Principal Act.

Overloading and
overcrowding an
offence.

3. If any person knowingly shall cruelly illtreat any animal by overloading or overcrowding, or cause any animal to be illtreated by overloading or overcrowding, every such person shall be deemed guilty of an offence, and shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Justices may allow
certain premises to
be inspected.

4. Whenever it shall by the oath of any credible person be made to appear to the satisfaction of a police or stipendiary magistrate or two justices that an offence against this or the Principal Act has been, is being, or is about to be committed on or in certain premises, such magistrate or justices may, by writing under his or their hand, authorise such person or some constable named therein to enter upon or into such premises and inspect any animal confined or kept there.

Penalty for obstruct-
ing constables or
other persons.

And whosoever shall at any time or in any manner unlawfully obstruct, hinder, molest, or assault any constable or other person while in the exercise of any power or authority under or by virtue of this or the Principal Act shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every such offence. Section twelve of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

Provisions of 14
Victoria No. 40 to
apply.

5. All the provisions of the Principal Act so far as they are not hereby altered shall be in force equally in respect of all offences created by this Act, and in respect of all proceedings in relation thereto.

Title and date of
commencement of
Act.

6. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act Amendment Act of 1899."