

Animal welfare protection laws in the world

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▪ AMERICA

State	Law	Date	Link
Argentina	Ley 14.346 Malos tratos y Actos de Crueldad a los Animales	1954	http://www.fqbf.unsl.edu.ar/cicua/Archivos/Ley-Nacional-14346-54-Malos%20Tratos%20y%20Actos%20de%20Crueldad%20a%20los%20Animales.pdf
Bermuda	Care and Protection of Animals Act	1975	http://www.bermudalaws.bm/Laws/Consolidated%20Laws/Care%20and%20Protection%20of%20Animals%20Act%201975.pdf
Brazil	Federal Decree on Anti-Cruelty	1934	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/administrative/adbrfeddec_24_645.htm
British virgin islands	Protection of Animals Act	2005	Only in print
Canada	Criminal Code, §446	2000	http://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/stat/rsc-1985-c-c-46/latest/rsc-1985-c-c-46.html
Chili	Animal Protection Law	2009	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/LEY-20380_03-OCT-2009_1.pdf

Costa Rica	Executive Decree on Animal Welfare	1998	http://www.glin.gov/view.action?glinID=59264
Jamaica	Cruelty to Animals Act	1965	http://www.sc.gov.jm/LOJ/Cruety%20To%20Animals/cruelty_to_animals_act.htm
Peru	Protection of Domestic Animals	2000	http://www.glin.gov/view.action?glinID=70024
United States	Animal Welfare Act	1966	http://awic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=3&tax_level=4&tax_subject=182&topic_id=1118&level3_id=6735&level4_id=11092&level5_id=0&placement_default=0
Uruguay	Treatment of Animal Genetics	2000	http://www.glin.gov/view.action?glinID=70164
Venezuela	Ley para la Protección de la Fauna Doméstica libre y en cautiverio	2010	http://www.tuabogado.com/leyes/legislacion/1546.html

▪ **AFRICA**

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Botswana	Cruelty to Animals Law	1977	http://www.laws.gov.bw/VOLUME%205/CHAPTER%2037-02%20CRUELTY%20TO%20ANIMALS.pdf
Egypt	Penal Code, Art. 357	1937	http://karenandkenya.wordpress.com/2009/04/25/legislature-related-to-animals-in-egyptian-law/
Israel	Cruelty to Animal Law	1994	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/isr21817e.pdf
Kenya	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1962	http://www.lexadin.nl/wlg/legis/nofr/oeur/lxweken.htm

Malawi	Protection of Animals Act	1970	http://agriculture.kzntl.gov.za/portal/Portals/0/Veterinary/ACTS/Act%20No.%2071%20of%201962.pdf
South Africa	Animal Protection Act	1962	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stat_pdf/AnimalsProtectionAct71-62.pdf
Tanzania	Animal Welfare Act	2008	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/tanzania.pdf
Uganda	The Animals Prevention of Cruelty Act	1957	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/uganda.pdf
Zambia	The Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act	1920	http://www.saflii.org/zm/legis/consol_act/poactaa360
Zimbabwe	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1969	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/zimbabwe.pdf

▪ **ASIA**

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Bangladesh	Cruelty to Animals Act	1920	http://supremecourt.gov.bd/act_files/act_115.html
India	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1960	http://moef.nic.in/modules/rules-and-regulations/animal-welfare/
Japan	Law for the humane treatment and management of animals	2000	http://www.alive-net.net/english/en-law/L2-full-text.html
Korea	Animal Protection Act	1991	http://www.aapn.org/koreanlaw.html
Pakistan	The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1890	http://pawspakistan.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/04/the-prevention-of-cruelty-to-animals-act-1890-optimised.pdf

Russian Federation	Civil Code, Art.137	1994	http://www.russian-civil-code.com/PartI/SectionI/Subsection3/Chapter6.html
Sri Lanka	Prevention of cruelty to animals Ordinance	1979	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/srl37158.pdf
Taiwan	Animal Protection Law	1998	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/sttaapl1998.htm
Hong Kong	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance	1997	http://www.legislation.gov.hk/blis_ind.nsf/WebView?OpenAgent&vwpg=CurAllEngDoc*169*0*169.1#169.1

▪ **EUROPE**

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Austria	Animal Protection Act	2004	http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/Erv/ERV_2004_1_118/ERV_2004_1_118.pdf
Belgium	Loi relative à la protection et au bien-être des animaux	1986 (revised in 2003)	http://www.favv.be/sp/pa-sa/doc/leg-vet/1986-08-14_PAM_LOI.pdf
Croatia	Animal Protection Act	1999	http://www.prijatelj-zivotinja.hr/index.en.php?id=470
Czech Republic	Protection of animals against cruelty	1992	http://faolex.fao.org/cgi-bin/faolex.exe?rec_id=074081&database=FAOLEX&search_type=link&table=result&lang=eng&format_name=@ERALL
Denmark	Act on the Protection of Animals	1991	http://faolex.fao.org/docs/texts/den64193.doc
Finland	Act on the Protection of Animals	1996	http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/kaannokset/1996/en19960247.pdf

France	Penal Code, Art. 521-1 & 521-2	1992	http://195.83.177.9/code/liste.phtml?lang=uk&c=33&r=3858
Germany	Animal Welfare Act	1998 (revised in 2006)	http://www.bfr.bund.de/cd/1614
Iceland	Animal Health and Protection Act	2009 (revised version)	http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/a-11_1.pdf
Ireland	Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act	1965	http://www.bailii.org/ie/legis/num_act/1965/0010.html
Italy	Disposizioni concernenti il divieto di maltrattamento degli animali, nonche' di impiego degli stessi in combattimenti clandestini o competizioni non autorizzate	2004	http://gazzette.comune.jesi.an.it/2004/178/1.htm
Luxembourg	Law on the protection of animal life and welfare	1983	http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/a/archives/1983/0015/1983A03061.html
Malta	Animal Welfare Act	2002	http://www.commonlii.org/mt/legis/consol_act/awa128.pdf
Netherlands	Animal Health and Welfare Act	1992	http://www.fao.org/fishery/shared/faolextrans.jsp?xp_FAOLEX=LEX-FAOC009037&xp_faoLexLang=E&xp_lang=en
Norway	Animal Welfare Act	1974	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stnoapa1995.htm
Poland	Animal Protection Act	1998	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stpoapa1997.htm

Portugal	Protection of Animals Law	1995	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stpt92_95_en.htm
Romania	Law on the Protection of Animals	2004	http://www.glin.gov/view.action?glinID=119496
Spain	Animal Protection Law	2007	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stesaw12007.htm
Sweden	Animal Welfare Act	1988	http://www.sweden.gov.se/content/1/c6/09/03/10/f07ee736.pdf
Switzerland	Federal Act on Animal Protection	1978	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stchapa1978.htm
Turkey	Animal Protection Bill Law	2004	http://www.haytap.org/index.php/20070528133/mevzuat/animal-protection-bill-law-no-5199
U.K.	Animal Welfare Act	2006	http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/statutes/stat_pdf/UKAnimalWelfareAct2006.pdf
Ukraine	Law on the Protection of Animals from Cruelty	2006	http://www.naturewatch.org/foundation/ukraine/docs/ukr_aw_law.pdf

▪ **OCEANIA**

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Australia (Australian Capital Territory)	Animal Welfare Act	1992	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/act/consol_act/awa1992128/
(Northern Territory)	Animal Welfare Act	1999	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nt/consol_act/awa128/
(New South Wales)	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1979	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/poctaa1979360/
(Queensland)	Animal Care & Protection Act	2001	http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/A/AnimalCaPrA01.pdf
(South Australia)	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1985	http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/ANIMAL%20WELFARE%20ACT%201985/2000.01.31_(1994.12.01)/1985.106.PDF
(Tasmania)	Animal Welfare Act	1993	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/tas/consol_act/awa1993128/
(Victoria)	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	1986	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_act/poctaa1986360/
(Western Australia)	Animal Welfare Act	2002	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/wa/consol_act/awa2002128/
Fiji	Animals (Control of Experiments) Act	1957	http://www.paclii.org/fj/legis/consol_act/aoea329/

New Zealand	Animal Welfare Act	1999	http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1999/0142/latest/DLM49664.html
Malaysia	Animal Act	1953 (revised in 2006)	http://www.dvs.gov.my/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=feec289c-db0d-4679-bd04-41c52e7e8add&groupId=28711
Philippines	Animal Welfare Act	1988	http://www.internationalwildlifelaw.org/phil_animal_act.html
Myanmar	Animal Health and Development Law	1993	http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/mya36263.pdf
Papua New Guinea	Animals Act	1952	http://www.pacii.org/pg/legis/consol_act/aa195283/
Tonga	Pounds and Animals Act	1988	http://www.pacii.org/to/legis/consol_act/paaa182/
Salomon islands	Animals (Control of Experiments) Act	1996	http://www.pacii.org/sb/legis/consol_act/aoea329/
Vanuatu	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	2006	http://www.pacii.org/vu/legis/consol_act/poactaa360/