

General links to legislation

Australasian Legal Information Institute <http://www.austlii.edu.au/>

AAWS website <http://www.daff.gov.au/animal-plant-health/welfare/links/state> note only has links to the various State animal welfare acts (and the Austlii text only version at that)

<http://www.daff.gov.au/animal-plant-health/welfare/aaws/online>

Queensland

General link to Queensland Legislation http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Acts_SLs/Acts_SL.htm

Animal Care and Protection Act 2001

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/A/AnimalCaPrA01.pdf>

Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2002

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/A/AnimalCaPrR02.pdf>

Local Government Act 1993

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/L/LocGovA93.pdf> 1164 pages

Codes of Practice: http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/4790_6047_ENA_HTML.htm

The following are Compulsory under the Animal care and Protection Regulation 2002 –

- Code of Practice for the Welfare of animals in Circuses,
- [Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes](#),
- parts of [Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals - Domestic Poultry 4th edition](#)

Adopted Codes (Compliance with adopted codes is not compulsory under the ACPA, however they should be used by people in charge of animals as a reference to assist them to meet their duty of care; non-compliance is admissible in evidence in a court case for an offence, such as breach of duty of care.) List of animal welfare codes adopted under the Animal Care and Protection Act

Types of animal

- Cattle - 2nd edition
- Domestic poultry
- Farmed buffalo
- Farming of ostriches
- Husbandry of captive-bred emus
- Intensive husbandry of rabbits
- Pigs
- The camel
- The farming of deer
- The goat
- The sheep

Land transport

- Land transport of cattle
- Land transport of horses
- Land transport of pigs
- Land transport of poultry

Other situations

- Queensland Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals in Film Production
- Beef cattle feedlots in Australia
- Animals at saleyards
- Feral livestock animals
- Livestock at slaughtering establishments

Northern Territory

General Link http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nt/consol_act/

General Link – Animal Welfare in NT <http://www.animalwelfare.nt.gov.au/>

Animal Welfare Act

[http://notes.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislat/legislat.nsf/d989974724db65b1482561cf0017cbd2/d85e416a04509d0c692572a300029e84/\\$FILE/Repa046.pdf](http://notes.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislat/legislat.nsf/d989974724db65b1482561cf0017cbd2/d85e416a04509d0c692572a300029e84/$FILE/Repa046.pdf)

No Domestic Animals Act, rather Local by Laws

<http://notes.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislat/legislat.nsf/64117dddb0f0b89f482561cf0017e56f?OpenView&S tart=1&Count=300&Expand=2#2>

Codes of practice “Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Animals in the Northern Territory. These codes are not enforceable and are intended to be a benchmark for “best practice” guidelines. The codes can, at best, be used as supporting evidence in the event of the need for intervention and enforcement” Cutter S 2007 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of the Northern territory Annual Report http://www.dlghs.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/34285/Annual_Report_2006-2007.pdf

List of Codes: <http://www.animalwelfare.nt.gov.au/publications> - no companion animal codes

ACT

General link <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/>

Animal Welfare Act 1992 <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1992-45/default.asp>

last revision 28 March 2008 (R 14) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1992-45/current/pdf/1992-45.pdf>

Animal Welfare Regulation 2001 <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2001-26/default.asp>

Disallowable instruments (including Codes of Practice) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1992-45/di.asp>

Domestic Animals Act 2000 (R15 2 May 2008) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2000-86/current/pdf/2000-86.pdf>

Domestic Animals Regulation 2001 (R10 1 July 2008) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2001-17/current/pdf/2001-17.pdf>

Domestic Animals Regulation 2001 Disallowable Instruments (Implanting Microchips and Operation of Domestic Animal Registries) <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2001-17/di.asp>

NSW

General Link <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/scanact/inforce/NONE/0>

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/scanact/inforce/NONE/0> then select Acts - "P", then "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act" or

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?TITLE=%22Prevention%20of%20Cruelty%20to%20Animals%20Act%201979%20No%20200%22&nohits=y>

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (General) Regulation 2006

[http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?SRTITLE=%22Prevention%20of%20Cruelty%20to%20Animals%20\(General\)%20Regulation%202006%22&nohits=y](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?SRTITLE=%22Prevention%20of%20Cruelty%20to%20Animals%20(General)%20Regulation%202006%22&nohits=y)

Animal Research Act 1985 No 123

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?TITLE=%22Animal%20Research%20Act%201985%20No%20123%22&nohits=y>

Animals Act 1977 No 25

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?TITLE=%22Animals%20Act%201977%20No%2025%22&nohits=y>

Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/summarize/inforce/s/1/?TITLE=%22Exhibited%20Animals%20Protection%20Act%201986%20No%20123%22&nohits=y>

Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/viewtop/inforce/act+87+1998+FIRST+0+N/>

Companion Animals Regulation 1999

<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/viewtop/inforce/subordleg+279+1999+FIRST+0+N/?autoquery=Target%3D%22First%22%20AND%20SubordTo%3D%221998-87%22&dq=Regulations%20under%20Companion%20Animals%20Act%201998%20No%2087&nohits=y>

Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill 2007 [Non-government Bill: Ms Clover Moore, MP] -

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/>

Animal Welfare Codes of Practice <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/animal-welfare/codes>

Relevant animal welfare Codes in NSW

- [Code of practice for Animals in film and theatrical performances](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 1 - Companion Animal Transport Agencies](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 2 - Animals in Pet Shops](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 3 - Horses in Riding Centres and Boarding Stables](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 4 - Keeping and Trading of Birds](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 5 - Dogs and Cats in Animal Boarding Establishments](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 6 - Breeding Dogs](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 7 - Breeding Cats](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 8 - Animals in Pet Grooming Establishments](#)
- [NSW Code of Practice No 9 - Security Dogs](#)
- [NSW Guidelines for the Pinioning of Birds](#)

South Australia

General Link <http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/index.aspx>

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1985

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/PREVENTION%20OF%20CRUELTY%20TO%20ANIMALS%20ACT%201985/CURRENT/1985.106.UN.PDF>

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2000

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/R/Prevention%20of%20Cruelty%20to%20Animals%20Regulations%202000.aspx>

Dog and Cat Management

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/DOG%20AND%20CAT%20MANAGEMENT%20ACT%201995.aspx>

Dog and Cat Management Act 1995

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/DOG%20AND%20CAT%20MANAGEMENT%20ACT%201995/CURRENT/1995.15.UN.PDF>

Dog and Cat Management Regulation 1995

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/R/Dog%20and%20Cat%20Management%20Regulations%201995.aspx>

Dog Fence Act 1946

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/DOG%20FENCE%20ACT%201946/CURRENT/1946.34.UN.PDF> (establishment and maintenance of dog-proof fences in the State in order to prevent the entry of wild dogs into pastoral areas)

Dog Fence Regulations 1997

<http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/R/Dog%20Fence%20Regulations%201997.aspx>

Codes of practice

42A. Where a code is incorporated into or referred to in this Act or the regulations

43. Nothing in this Act renders unlawful anything done in accordance with a prescribed code of practice relating to animals

South Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Management of Animals in the Pet Trade, (1999).

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/animalwelfare/pdfs/pet_05.pdf

Victoria

General link <http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/> OR

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/LinkView/A82969C294308823CA2572B10006B94F51F52E6260BC77B8CA2572B10008EED4>

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/POCTA%20Act%20V73%20Mar%2008.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/POCTA%20Act%20V73%20Mar%2008.pdf)

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 1997 (Principle Regulations)

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/POCTA%20Regulations%20V27%20Jun%2008.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/POCTA%20Regulations%20V27%20Jun%2008.pdf)

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Domestic Fowl) Regulations 2006

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/POCTA%20\(DF\)%20Regs%20V1%20Jan%2007.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/POCTA%20(DF)%20Regs%20V1%20Jan%2007.pdf)

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Act 2000 – (Amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 re carrying animals on vehicles and Codes of Practice)

http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/edfb620cf7503d1aca256da4001b08af/942538018170c387ca256e5b00213e15!OpenDocument&Highlight=0,prevention

Animals Legislation Amendment (Animal Care) Act 2007 – (amendments to the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 enabling councils to require desexing before registration, and other provisions)

http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/edfb620cf7503d1aca256da4001b08af/8c9ce572c73a50e0ca2573ae001523b6!OpenDocument&Highlight=0,prevention

Animals Legislation (Animals Welfare) 2003 – (amendments to the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 relating to microchipping and microchip registries)

(http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/edfb620cf7503d1aca256da4001b08af/ffbddfc1fbc787beca256e5b00214124!OpenDocument&Highlight=0,prevention)

Animals Legislation (Responsible Ownership) Act 2001 – (amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 re: searches and seizures, and to the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 re restricted breeds)

http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/edfb620cf7503d1aca256da4001b08af/0cfac66780601f9ca256e5b00213fac!OpenDocument

Domestic (Feral & Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/DFNA%20Act%20V35%20Dec%2007.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/DFNA%20Act%20V35%20Dec%2007.pdf)

Domestic (Feral & Nuisance) Animals Regulations

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/DFNA%20Regs%20V4%20Jun%2008.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/DFNA%20Regs%20V4%20Jun%2008.pdf)

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals (Amendment) Act 2000

http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/edfb620cf7503d1aca256da4001b08af/02e941bee5c97681ca256e5b00213eb1!OpenDocument&Highlight=0,prevention

Exemption Order for owners of racing Greyhounds exempting these dogs from the requirement to register racing Greyhounds with Council

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/Greyhound%20-%20Exemption%20Order%204-4-96.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/Greyhound%20-%20Exemption%20Order%204-4-96.pdf)

Exemption Order for Greyhound Adoption Dogs exempting these dogs from the requirement to wear muzzles in public places

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/Greyhound%20-%20GAP%20Exemption%20Order%2016-12-99.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/Greyhound%20-%20GAP%20Exemption%20Order%2016-12-99.pdf)

Prescribed qualifications for non-Council employees to be Authorised Officers (Non council employees can be authorised officers- Cert IV AC R or Cert III in Local Government (Animal Management) OR 5 years experience as animal control or animal welfare officer)

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/Prescribed%20Qualifications%20for%20non-Council%20Employees%20to%20be%20authorised.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/Prescribed%20Qualifications%20for%20non-Council%20Employees%20to%20be%20authorised.pdf)

Approved courses and qualifications to be a microchip implanter in Victoria: AVA Microchip Implantation Course (Vets) OR Cert IV or higher Vet Nursing, Cert IV ACR, Cert III Local Government (Animal Management), Cert IV in Animal Welfare (Regulation), Cert III in Animal Technology or equivalent OR Microchip Implantation Procedures Competency for Cats and Dogs (VBN287)

[http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/\\$FILE/Microchip%20Authorised%20Implanter%20approved%20qualifications.pdf](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/93a98744f6ec41bd4a256c8e00013aa9/ae3cc5bfef0905b7ca25747300072b06/$FILE/Microchip%20Authorised%20Implanter%20approved%20qualifications.pdf)

Codes of Practice (All Codes of Practice are mandatory in Victoria)

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/DPI/nrenfa.nsf/LinkView/E1AF1D71AF607629CA256D780013EFCE51F52E6260BC77B8CA2572B10008EED4>

Victorian Codes of Practice for Animal Welfare

Amphibians

[Code of practice for the keeping of amphibians in captivity](#)

Birds

[Code of practice for the housing of caged birds](#)

Cats

[Code of practice for the private keeping of cats](#)

Dogs

[Code of practice for the debarking of dogs](#)

[Code of practice for the operation of dog training establishments*](#)

[Code of practice for the Operation of Greyhound Establishments](#)

[Code of practice for the private keeping of dogs](#)

Dogs & Cats

[Code of practice for the operation of boarding establishments \(PDF 86kb\)*](#)

[Code of practice for the operation of breeding and rearing establishments*](#)

[Code of practice for the management of dogs and cats in shelters and pounds*](#)

Exhibition of Animals

[Code of practice for the public display and exhibition of animals](#)

Film Animals

[Code of practice for the welfare of film animals](#)

Pet Shops

[Code of practice for the operation of pet shops*](#)

Reptiles

[Code of practice for the welfare of animals: Private keeping of reptiles](#)

Tethering Animals

[Code of practice for the tethering of animals](#)

Traps

[Code of practice for the use of small steel-jawed traps](#)

Tasmania

General Link <http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/index.w3p>

Dog Control Act 2000 -

http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/index.w3p;cond=ALL;doc_id=102%2B%2B2000%2BAT%40EN%2B20060615130000;histon=;prompt=;rec=;term=dogs

Dog Control Regulations 2001 -

http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/index.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=%2B26%2B2001%2BAT%40EN%2B20060526000000;histon=;prompt=;rec=;term=Dog%20Control

Guide Dog and Hearing Dog Act 1967 -

http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/index.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=42%2B%2B1967%2BAT%40EN%2B20060526000000;histon=;prompt=;rec=;term=Guide%20Dog

Law of Animals Act 1962 -

http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/index.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=70%2B%2B1962%2BAT%40EN%2B20060526000000;histon=;prompt=;rec=;term=Law%20of%20Animals

Animal Welfare Act 1993 -

http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au/tocview/index.w3p;cond=all;doc_id=63%2B%2B1993%2BAT%40EN%2B20060526000000;histon=;prompt=;rec=;term=Animal%20Welfare

The Act was introduced in 1993 as a modern and forward-thinking piece of legislation. It was the first animal welfare legislation in Australia to adopt the “duty of care” principle

Animal Welfare Act Review Report

[http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/Attachments/SROS-6UN4RG/\\$FILE/Animal%20Welfare%20Act%20Review%20Report.pdf](http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/Attachments/SROS-6UN4RG/$FILE/Animal%20Welfare%20Act%20Review%20Report.pdf)

Animal Welfare Standards failure to comply may result in cruelty charges

www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/EGIL-535VVF?open

(no companion animal standards)

Western Australia

General link to legislation <http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/default.html>

Animal Welfare Act 2002

http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_50_homepage.html

The Animal Welfare Act 2002 is overseen by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development. The RSPCA is the main body responsible for the enforcement of legislation; however, some Department of Agriculture and Food and Food staff have been designated to act as Inspectors under the Act.

Animal Welfare (General) Regulations 2003

http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_1138_homepage.html

Animal Welfare – general information

http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/pls/portal30/docs/FOLDER/IKMP/PW/AH/animalwelfare_index.htm

There are no Codes of Practice relevant to Companion Animals

Dog Act 1976 http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_273_homepage.html

Dog Regulations 1976

http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_1321_homepage.html

Dog (Restricted Breeds) Regulations (No. 2) 2002

http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_1323_homepage.html

Animal Management and Animal Welfare Legislation in each state:

[NSW - Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87](#)

[TAS - Dog Control Act 2000](#)

[QLD - Animal management](#)

[ACT - Domestic Animals Act 2000](#)

[NT - Animal Welfare Home](#)

[SA - Dog and Cat Management Act 1995](#)

[WA - Responsible Dog Ownership](#)