

No. 18 of 1954.

A LAW TO AMEND THE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LAW. CAP. 68.

R. P. ARMITAGE,] [11th March, 1954.  
Governor.

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as  
follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Cruelty to Animals Short title.  
(Amendment) Law, 1954, and shall be read as one with the  
Cruelty to Animals Law (hereinafter referred to as "the Cap. 68.  
principal Law").

Repeal of  
section 3  
of the  
principal  
Law and  
substitution  
of new  
section.

2. Section 3 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

“Acts and omissions which amount to cruelty and penalties therefor.

3.—(1) If any person shall—

- (a) cruelly beat, kick, ill-treat, over-ride, over-drive, over-load, torture, infuriate, or terrify any animal, or shall cause to procure, or, being the owner, permit any animal to be so used, or shall, by wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act, or causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, cause any unnecessary suffering, or, being the owner, permit any unnecessary suffering to be so caused to any animal; or
- (b) convey or carry, or cause or procure, or, being the owner, permit to be conveyed or carried, any animal in such manner or position as to cause that animal any unnecessary suffering; or
- (c) wilfully, without any reasonable cause or excuse, administer, or cause or procure, or being the owner permit, such administration of, any poisonous or injurious drug or substance to any animal, or shall wilfully, without any reasonable cause or excuse, cause any such substance to be taken by any animal; or
- (d) subject, or cause to procure, or being the owner permit, to be subjected, any animal to any operation which is performed without due care and humanity;

such person shall be guilty of an offence of cruelty within the meaning of this Law, and shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine:

Provided that where at the commencement of a journey an animal is physically fit and in a healthy condition and a person continues to over-drive or over-ride such animal for the purpose of completing the journey when he has no reasonable opportunity of obtaining another animal for the purpose he shall not be deemed to have committed an offence against this Law.

(2) For the purposes of this section, an owner shall be deemed to have permitted cruelty within the meaning of this Law if he shall have failed to exercise reasonable care and supervision in respect of the protection of the animal therefrom :

Provided that, where an owner is convicted of permitting cruelty within the meaning of this Law by reason only of his having failed to exercise such care and supervision, he shall not be liable to imprisonment without the option of a fine."

3. Paragraph (a) of section 6 of the principal Law is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the words "by sea" (line 1) of the words "or by air".

Amendment of section 6 of the principal Law.

4. The principal Law is hereby amended by the insertion therein, immediately after section 11, of the following section :

Amendment of the principal Law by the insertion of new section 12.

" Court may deprive person convicted of cruelty of ownership of animal.

12. If the owner of any animal shall be guilty of an offence under section 3, the Court, upon his conviction thereof, may, if it thinks fit, in addition to any other punishment, deprive such person of the ownership of the animal and may make such order as to the disposal of the animal as it thinks fit in the circumstances :

Provided that no order shall be made under this section, unless it is shown by evidence as to a previous conviction, or as to the character of the owner, or otherwise, that the animal, if left with the owner, is likely to be exposed to further cruelty".

11th March, 1954.

J. FLETCHER-COOKE,  
Colonial Secretary.