

CHAPTER 97

ANIMALS (CONTROL OF EXPERIMENTS)

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF EXPERIMENTS ON  
ANIMALS AND FOR PURPOSES INCIDENTAL THERETO AND  
CONNECTED THEREWITH

13 of 1957  
LN 46A of 1978

[11th September 1957]

1. This Act may be cited as the Animals (Control of  
Experiments) Act.

Short title

2. In this Act

Interpretation

“animal” means a living vertebrate animal;

“experiment” means any experiment performed on an  
animal and calculated to give pain;

“licensee” means a person licensed under section 7.

3.—(1) No person except a licensee shall perform any  
experiment.

Experiments  
only to be  
performed by  
licensed persons

(2) No licensee shall perform any experiment except in  
accordance with the terms of his licence and subject to the  
restrictions imposed by this Act.

4. No licensee shall perform any experiment for the purpose  
of attaining manual skill.

Experiments not  
to be performed  
for purposes of  
attaining manual  
skill

5. No licensee shall perform any experiment for the purpose  
of illustrating any lecture at any University, University College,  
Hospital, Medical School, Agricultural College, Farm School or  
any other academic institution unless he is the holder of a teach-  
ing permit under this Act, and unless the experiment is of a class  
specified in such permit and is performed in accordance with the  
terms of such permit.

Prohibition of  
performance of  
experiments for  
illustration of  
lectures subject  
to certain  
conditions

6.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 5 no licensee  
shall perform any experiment except—

Restrictions upon  
performances of  
experiments by  
licence

(a) for the purpose of the advancement by new  
discovery of physiological knowledge, or of any  
knowledge which will be useful for saving or prolonging  
life, or alleviating suffering, or for combating any disease  
whether of human beings, animals or plants;

(b) for the purpose of testing any former discovery alleged to have been made for the advancement of the types of knowledge referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(c) if it is essential for the purpose of justice in a criminal case to make such experiment.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) no licensee shall perform any experiment unless—

(a) throughout the whole of the experiment the animal is under the influence of some anaesthetic of sufficient power to prevent the animal feeling pain; and

(b) if the pain is likely to continue after the effect of the anaesthetic has ceased, or if any serious injury has been inflicted on the animal, the animal is killed before it recovers from the influence of the anaesthetic which has been administered.

(3) The provisions of subsection (2) shall not apply to any licensee who is the holder of a special permit granted under section 9 in relation to any experiment specified in such special permit.

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7.—(1) The Minister may grant a licence to any person to perform any experiment for any purpose specified in such licence during such period and subject to such conditions in addition to the conditions specified in this Act as he may think fit.

(2) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under subsection (1), that any experiment performed pursuant to such licence shall be performed at such place as may be specified in such licence.

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8.—(1) Where the Minister is satisfied that it is absolutely necessary for the due instruction of persons attending any course of lectures for the purpose of acquiring physiological knowledge or any knowledge which will be used for saving or prolonging life, or alleviating suffering, or for combating any disease whether of human beings, animals or plants, for any such lecture to be illustrated by the performance of any experiment, the Minister may grant to a licensee under this Act a teaching permit to perform any experiment specified in such licence for the purpose of illustrating such lecture.

(2) Every teaching permit under this section shall be subject to such conditions in addition to any conditions specified in this

Act as may be specified in such permit, and such permit shall remain in force for twelve months from the date on which it is granted.

9.—(1) Where the Minister is satisfied that the object of any experiment permitted to be performed by a licensee under this Act would necessarily be frustrated—

Special permits  
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(a) by the performance of such experiment under any anaesthetic; or

(b) by killing the animal on which such experiment is performed before it recovers from the influence of any anaesthetic,

he may grant a special permit authorising the licensee to perform such experiment without administering any anaesthetic to the animal or without killing the animal before it recovers from the influence of such anaesthetic as the case may be.

(2) Any special permit under this section shall specify the period for which it shall remain in force.

10.—(1) Every licensee under this Act shall keep, in such form as may be prescribed, records of all painful experiments performed by him.

Records and inspections  
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(2) Every licensee under this Act shall permit any person authorised in writing by the Minister to inspect any records kept by him at any time between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day other than a Sunday or public holiday.

(3) Every licensee under this Act shall permit any person authorised in writing as aforesaid to enter and inspect, for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of this Act, any place specified in such licensee's licence for performance of the experiments.

11. Every licensee shall render to the Minister in such form and at such time as may be prescribed such returns as may be required in relation to any experiments performed by him.

Returns  
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12.—(1) The Minister may make rules generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

Rules

(2) Rules made under this section may without prejudice to the generality of the power conferred by subsection (1) provide for the keeping of records of all experiments performed by any

licensee under this Act and for the rendering of returns in relation to any experiments performed under this Act.

Revocation of  
licence or permit

**13.** It shall be a condition of every licence or permit granted under this Act that such licence or permit may be revoked at any time by the person granting it on his being satisfied that such licence or permit ought to be revoked.

Penalty

**14.** Every person who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or of any conditions of any licence or permit granted under this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Restriction on  
prosecution of  
licensee  
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**15.** A prosecution under this Ordinance against a licensee shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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*(No Subsidiary Legislation)*