

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT

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PART I - INTERPRETATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Definitions

- (1) In this Act,
 - (a) "animal" means livestock and any other prescribed type or class of animal and may include the embryos, eggs or sperm of an animal, where prescribed;
 - (b) "animal by-product" means a part of an animal or something derived from an animal that is obtained for purposes incidental to those for which the animal is raised, and may include
 - (i) antlers, bones, bristles, feathers, flesh, hair, hides, skins, hooves, horns or offal,
 - (ii) blood, saliva, urine or manure,
 - (iii) something containing or derived from something set out in subclause (i) or (ii), and
 - (iv) something prescribed as an animal by-product;
 - (c) "animal product" means a part of an animal or a product derived from an animal that is obtained or produced for use or consumption by humans or other animals, the primary purpose for which the animal is raised, whether for food, fibre, fuel, or pharmacological or medical purposes, and may include
 - (i) butter, cheese, cream, milk, eggs, honey or meat,
 - (ii) ova, embryos, semen or other reproductive material,
 - (iii) hides, skins or pelts, and
 - (iv) something prescribed as an animal product;
 - (d) "biosecurity measures" means measures taken to control the spread of a disease or a disease-causing agent;
 - (e) "Chief Veterinary Officer" means the Chief Veterinary Officer appointed under section 2:
 - (f) "disease" means, in relation to an animal, a condition or group of characteristic symptoms or behaviours that
 - (i) is generally recognized by the scientific community as resulting from a disease-causing agent, and
 - (ii) meets one or more of the following or other prescribed criteria:
 - (A) it may cause products derived from a diseased animal to be unsafe or unfit for use or consumption,
 - (B) it is a threat to the health or well-being of other living things,

- (C) it is a threat to the economic interests of the animal industry,
- (D) it is a threat to the public interest;
- (g) "disease-causing agent" means an organism, poison, toxin or other agent that causes or may cause a disease;
- (h) "fomite" means an inanimate object that is capable of carrying or transmitting a disease or a disease-causing agent and may include
 - (i) material used for animal bedding,
 - (ii) clothing, footwear or equipment, and
 - (iii) an object prescribed as a fomite;
- (i) "information" includes personal information, except where otherwise specified;
- (j) "input" means a substance or combination of substances that may be used in raising an animal, including food, water, drugs, supplements, additives, treatments, growth promotants or something prescribed as an input;
- (k) **"inspector"** means an inspector appointed under section 2 and includes the Chief Veterinary Officer;
- (l) "livestock" means livestock as defined in the regulations;
- (m) "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture;
- (n) "notifiable disease" means a disease prescribed as a notifiable disease, which may require monitoring
 - (i) to determine the presence, identity, nature or spread of the disease,
 - (ii) to determine the potential effects of the disease on animal or human health,
 - (iii) to avoid barriers to trade, or
 - (iv) for any other reason in the public interest;
- (o) "owner" includes
 - (i) in relation to an animal or a thing related to an animal, a person who has custody or care and control, or is responsible for the care and control of, the animal or thing related to an animal,
 - (ii) in relation to a premises, a person who operates or occupies the premises, and
 - (iii) in relation to a vehicle, a person who operates the vehicle;
- (p) "personal information" means personal information as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-15.01;
- (q) "**premises**" means land and any buildings, structures, facilities or waters on it and any part or parts of them;
- (r) "Registrar" means the Registrar appointed under subsection 3.4(2);
- (s) **"reportable disease"** means a disease prescribed as a reportable disease, which may require preventative, control or eradication measures
 - (i) to safeguard animal or human health,
 - (ii) to avoid barriers to trade, or
 - (iii) for any other reason in the public interest;
- (t) "restricted area" means an area of the province that is declared to be a restricted area under section 3.3;
- (u) "vehicle" means any motor vehicle, aircraft, vessel or other conveyance used to transport an animal or a thing related to an animal;
- (v) "veterinarian" means a person who is authorized by law to practise veterinary medicine in the province;



- (w) "waste material" means an animal by-product or animal product that has been discarded, and includes
 - (i) composted material or any other thing containing or derived from an animal by-product or animal product that has been discarded, and
 - (ii) something prescribed as waste material.

Things related to an animal

(2) In this Act, an animal by-product, an animal product, a fomite, an input and waste material are considered to be things related to an animal. 1988,c.11,s.1; 1993,c.29,s.4; 1997,c.20,s.3; 2001,c.4,s.19; 2004,c.36,s.3; 2004,c.1,s.1; 2009,c.73,s.2; 2012,c.3,s.1; 2015,s.28,s.3; 2015,c.36,s.5(2); 2015,c.2,s.49; 2019,c.1,s.3; 2023,c.20,s.2; 2024,c.57,s.1.

Administration

2. Chief Veterinary Officer

(1) The Minister shall appoint a person who is a veterinarian to be the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Functions

(2) The Chief Veterinary Officer shall perform the functions of the Chief Veterinary Officer under this Act and the regulations and such other functions as may be assigned by the Minister.

Inspector by virtue of the office

(2.1) The Chief Veterinary Officer is an inspector by virtue of the office.

Inspectors and staff

(3) The Minister may appoint such inspectors and other officers as are necessary for the administration of this Act or any Part of it.

Tickets

(3.1) An inspector may issue tickets under the *Summary Proceedings Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. S-9 in respect of a contravention of this Act or the regulations.

Experts

(4) The Minister may engage professionals or experts, on the terms and conditions the Minister determines, to advise the Minister on matters under this Act or the regulations. 1988,c.11,s.2; 1999,c.1,s.1; 2012,c.3,s.3; 2024,c.57,s.2.

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Information

2.1 Collection, use and disclosure of information

- (1) The Minister may, directly or indirectly, collect information from any source for purposes related to the administration of this Act or the regulations or for such other purposes as may be prescribed and may use or disclose the information for those purposes or consistent purposes, including
 - (a) protecting animal health or human health, or both;
 - (b) detecting the presence or prevalence of a notifiable or reportable disease;
 - (c) assisting with ongoing health, safety and biosecurity measures to minimize the risk of a notifiable or reportable disease spreading or persisting;

- (d) controlling, suppressing or mitigating a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (e) enhancing emergency preparedness in the case of an outbreak of a notifiable or reportable disease under this Act or the *Health of Animals Act* (Canada);
- (f) monitoring the health of animals;
- (g) conducting animal health research, developing policy with respect to animal health or designing or implementing programs in respect of animal health;
- (h) eliminating animal disease barriers for domestic and export market access;
- (i) analyzing the geographical distribution of a disease;
- (j) analyzing the epidemiology of disease outbreaks;
- (k) conducting assessments and models to predict disease risk;
- (l) notifying the public of a potential or present threat to public health;
- (m) establishing and operating a provincial traceability system under section 3.4;
- (n) identifying premises of a prescribed class;
- (o) identifying and tracing the movement from premises to premises of an animal of a prescribed class or any thing related to animals that is prescribed; or
- (p) any other prescribed purpose.

Subject to requirements or restrictions

(2) The collection, use and disclosure of personal information under subsection (1) is subject to any requirements or restrictions that may be prescribed.

Deemed collection, use and disclosure by Minister

(3) Any information collected by, used by, disclosed to or disclosed by an inspector, the provincial veterinarian, the Registrar or any other person involved in the administration of this Act or the regulations, under this Act or the regulations, is deemed to have been collected by, used by, disclosed to, or disclosed by the Minister. 2012,c.3,s.4; 2024,c.57,s.3.

2.2 Agreement

(1) The Minister may enter into an agreement with any person or entity with respect to the collection, use or disclosure of information referred to in subsection 2.1(1) for a purpose described in subsection 2.1(1).

Disclosure of personal information under agreement

- (2) Where the Minister enters into an agreement under subsection (1) with respect to the disclosure of information, the Minister may disclose personal information to a person or entity that is a party to the agreement if
 - (a) the disclosure is made pursuant to and in accordance with the agreement; and
 - (b) the person or entity that receives the personal information agrees to use it only for the purpose for which the personal information was disclosed.

Disclosure by party to agreement

(3) Where the Minister discloses personal information to a person or entity who is a party to an agreement in accordance with subsection (2), the person or entity shall not disclose the personal information to a third party except in accordance with the agreement. 2012,c.3,s.4.



2.21 Paramountcy

Where a provision of this Act is inconsistent or in conflict with a provision of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the provision of this Act prevails despite the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 2024,c.57,s.4.

Regulations

2.3 Regulations

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) prescribing animals for the purposes of clause 1(a);
- (b) providing for the inclusion of the embryos, eggs or sperm of an animal in the definition of "animal":
- (c) designating a disease as a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (d) respecting the functions of the Chief Veterinary Officer, the Registrar, an inspector or any other officer appointed under this Act;
- (e) prescribing purposes for which the Minister may collect, use or disclose information under subsection 2.1(1);
- (f) prescribing requirements or restrictions on the collection, use or disclosure of personal information under subsection 2.1(2); and
- (g) defining any word or phrase used in this Act that is not defined. 2012, c.3, s.4; 2024, c.57, s.5.

PART II - ANIMAL HEALTH

Control of Diseases

3. Object

The objects of this Part are

- (a) to promote and protect animal health;
- (b) to prevent the development of diseases in animals;
- (c) to minimize the adverse effects of diseases on animals; and
- (d) to prevent or control the spread of diseases among animals or from animals to humans. 1988, c. 11, s. 3; 2012, c. 3, s. 6.

3.1 Named diseases

Repealed by 2024,c.57,s.7. 2004,c.1,s.2; 2024,c.57,s.7.

3.11 Duty to report notifiable or reportable disease

The owner of the animal, a veterinarian or the operator of a laboratory who knows or ought to know that an animal is or may be infected with a notifiable or reportable disease, shall report to the Chief Veterinary Officer that the animal is or may be infected with a notifiable or reportable disease, in accordance with the regulations. 2012, c.3, s.7; 2024, c.57, s.8.

3.12 Disclosure of information about notifiable or reportable diseases

The Chief Veterinary Officer may disclose any information reported or otherwise collected under this Act about a notifiable or reportable disease, or an occurrence or possible occurrence of a notifiable or reportable disease, for the purpose of disease control, management or prevention, or the protection of animal or human health, to

- (a) another department or an agency of the Government;
- (b) the Government of Canada or its agencies;
- (c) the government of another province or territory or its agencies;
- (d) any other person if the Chief Veterinary Officer considers it to be in the public interest. 2024, c. 57, s. 9.

3.2 Inspectors, entry and search powers

- (1) An inspector may, for the purpose of ascertaining the existence of any notifiable or reportable disease.
 - (a) enter, without a warrant, and search any premises, other than a dwelling place, where animals are present or where the inspector believes on reasonable grounds that animals are present;
 - (b) stop and search any vehicle that contains animals or that the inspector believes on reasonable grounds contains animals; or
 - (c) inspect and take samples
 - (i) from any animal that is infected with, or that the inspector believes on reasonable grounds is infected with, a notifiable or reportable disease, and
 - (ii) of any thing derived from an animal referred to in subclause (i) or any thing such animal may have come in contact with that is at or in the premises where the animal is present or on or in the conveyance where the animal is contained.

Stopping a vehicle

- (1.1) For the purposes of clause (1)(b), an inspector may require the operator of a vehicle to stop the vehicle and the operator of a vehicle shall, when required to do so by an inspector,
 - (a) stop the vehicle and, subject to clause (b), remain stopped until permitted to proceed by the inspector; and
 - (b) at the direction of the inspector, move the vehicle to the nearest point where an inspection may be conducted.

Order, animal infected with notifiable or reportable disease

- Where an inspector has reasonable grounds to believe that an animal is infected with a notifiable or reportable disease, the inspector may, by order, in writing,
 - (a) require the owner of the animal, at the owner's expense, to
 - (i) treat the animal in a manner or within a time specified,
 - (ii) destroy and dispose of the animal, things related to the animal or other things that may have come into contact with the animal, in a manner, at a place or within a time specified,
 - (iii) retain the animal at a location for a time specified,
 - (iv) move the animal to a location in a manner specified,
 - (v) clean and disinfect premises at which, or vehicles in which, the animal has been present, in a manner specified, or



- (vi) produce for inspection books, records or other documents relating to the animal;
- (b) prohibit the owner of the animal from selling or otherwise disposing of the animal.

Service

(3) Every written order made under subsection (2) shall be served on the owner of the animal either by personally serving the owner, by posting it in a prominent place at the premises of the owner, or by registered mail addressed to the owner at his or her last known address.

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- (4) Any written order served on an owner of an animal under subsection (3) shall be deemed to have been served on the owner on
 - (a) the day it is that is served personally on the owner;
 - (b) the day it is posted in a prominent place on the premises of the owner; or
 - (c) the day that is five days after the day the notice was sent by registered mail, unless the contrary is proven.

Compliance

(5) Every owner who is served with an order made under subsection (2) shall comply with the order in accordance with its terms.

Inspection to ensure compliance

(6) Where an order made under subsection (2) remains in force, an inspector may, for the purpose of determining compliance with the order, enter without a warrant any premises, other than a dwelling place, or any vehicle where the animal is located and inspect and take samples from the animal.

Peace officer

(7) An inspector may request the assistance of, and may be assisted by, a peace officer in the performance of the inspector's duties and the exercise of the inspector's powers under this section. 2004,c.1,s.2; 2012,c.3,s.8; 2015,s.36,s.5(3); 2024,c.57,s.10.

3.3 Order declaring an area to be restricted

(1) Where the Chief Veterinary Officer is satisfied that the presence of a notifiable or reportable disease in animals in an area of the province requires an extraordinary means for control, the Chief Veterinary Officer may issue a written order that declares the area to be a restricted area for the purpose of this Act during the term of the order.

Contents

- (2) An order made under subsection (1) shall
 - (a) set out the geographical limits of the restricted area;
 - (b) indicate the notifiable or reportable disease that is present and that requires the declaration of a restricted area;
 - (c) indicate the class or types of animals that the order applies to; and
 - (d) explain the restrictions set out in subsection (4) that apply in respect of those animals during the term of the order.

Publication

(3) Where an order is made under subsection (1), the Chief Veterinary Officer shall cause a copy of the order to be published in the Gazette as soon as possible.

Compliance

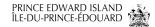
- (4) Where an order declaring an area to be a restricted area is made under subsection (1) in respect of a class or type of animal, no person shall transport any animal of a class or type to which the order applies, or cause it to be transported, into or out of the restricted area unless the animal
 - (a) is accompanied by a certificate of health signed by a licensed veterinarian in the province of origin of the animal certifying that the animal is free from the notifiable or reportable disease referred to in the order; and
 - (b) the animal is free from the notifiable or reportable disease referred to in the order. 2004,c.1,s.2; 2024,c.57,s.11.

3.31 Quarantine order

- (1) Where the Chief Veterinary Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a disease or disease-causing agent is present at a premises, the Chief Veterinary Officer may, by order,
 - (a) quarantine the premises, in whole or in part; and
 - (b) quarantine an animal, a thing related to an animal, a vehicle or any other thing at the premises.

Contents of order

- (2) An order made under subsection (1) may
 - (a) contain the following information:
 - (i) the disease or disease-causing agent, if known,
 - (ii) the name of the owner of the premises,
 - (iii) the name of the owner of any animal, thing related to an animal, vehicle or other thing subject to quarantine, if different from the owner of the premises,
 - (iv) the address, legal description or geographical limits and boundaries of the premises,
 - (v) a description of any animal, thing related to an animal, vehicle or other thing subject to quarantine and where it is located at the premises,
 - (vi) the terms and conditions the Chief Veterinary Officer considers necessary to minimize the risk of the disease or disease-causing agent spreading;
 - (b) require the presentation of an animal, a thing related to an animal, a vehicle or other thing subject to quarantine for examination or testing;
 - (c) require the application of a symbol, tag or other identification mark or device to an animal, thing related to an animal, vehicle or other thing subject to quarantine or the recording of a symbol, tag or other identification mark or device previously applied;
 - (d) require the application or installation of an identifying marker, signage or temporary barrier at the premises;
 - (e) impose restrictions on the movement of animals, things related to animals, vehicles or other things into or out of the premises;
 - (f) specify any precautionary or biosecurity measures to be taken on entering or exiting the premises;
 - (g) require the cleaning and disinfection of the premises or vehicles at the premises in a specified manner;



- (h) specify the manner in which animals at the premises are to be fed and cared for;
- (i) require the treatment or veterinary care of an animal at the premises;
- (j) require the production of books, records or other documents relating to an animal at the premises;
- (k) require the reporting of mortality or morbidity among animals at the premises;
- (l) require that records be kept and information reported to the Chief Veterinary Officer in respect of complying with the order;
- (m) specify the time within which an action required under the order is to be completed; and
- (n) specify the duration of the quarantine.

Service of order

(3) An order made under this section shall be served on the owner of the premises and of any animal, thing related to an animal, vehicle or other thing at the premises subject to quarantine.

Service effected

- (4) An order made under this section shall be considered to have been served on the owner
 - (a) when it is served personally on the owner;
 - (b) when it is posted in a prominent place on the premises of the owner; or
 - (c) five days after the day the notice was sent by registered mail to the owner's last known address unless the contrary is proven.

Compliance

(5) Every owner who is served with an order made under this section shall comply with the order in accordance with its terms.

Inspection to ensure compliance

(6) The Chief Veterinary Officer may enter, without a warrant, any premises, other than a dwelling place, or any vehicle on the premises to conduct an inspection in respect of compliance with the order.

Peace officer

(7) The Chief Veterinary Officer may request the assistance of, and may be assisted by, a peace officer in the performance of the duties or exercise of the powers of the Chief Veterinary Officer under this section.

Publication of order

(8) The Chief Veterinary Officer may publish an order, or a summary of an order, made under this section for the purposes of communicating the contents of the order or providing notice that the order has been made. 2024,c.57,s.12.

Provincial Traceability System

3.4 Traceability System

(1) The Minister may establish and oversee the operation of a provincial traceability system for the purposes of identifying premises or animals of a prescribed class and tracing the movement of animals of a prescribed class or any things related to animals that are prescribed.

Registrar

(2) The Minister may appoint a Registrar to administer the provincial traceability system, who shall perform the functions of the Registrar under this Act and the regulations and such other functions as may be assigned by the Minister.

Duty to take action and report information

- (3) The owner of or a person or entity that has information respecting premises, a vehicle or an animal of a prescribed class or any thing related to animals that is prescribed, may be required by the regulations to
 - (a) take specified actions to support the establishment and effective operation of a provincial traceability system; and
 - (b) report to the Registrar specified information in the form and at the times specified. 2012, c.3, s.9.

3.5 Powers of inspector

- (1) An inspector may, for the purpose of implementing and maintaining a provincial traceability system,
 - (a) enter, without a warrant, and search any premises, other than a dwelling place, where the inspector believes on reasonable grounds that an animal of a prescribed class or any thing related to animals that is prescribed is present, for the purposes of identification:
 - (b) collect information from the owner of or a person or entity that has information respecting premises, a vehicle or an animal of a prescribed class or any thing related to animals that is prescribed that the owner, person or entity is required to provide to the Registrar under the regulations;
 - (c) open and enter a vehicle, if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds that an animal of a prescribed class or any thing related to animals that is prescribed is in or on the vehicle, for the purposes of identification;
 - (d) apply a symbol, tag or other identification mark or device to premises, a vehicle or an animal of a prescribed class, or any thing related to animals that is prescribed, for the purposes of subsequent identification;
 - (e) take photographs or make videos, notes or other recordings of any thing at or in premises or on or in a vehicle subject to inspection that the inspector considers to be of assistance in the inspection;
 - (f) require the production for examination of any books, records or other documents
 - (i) relating to the identification of or documenting the movement from one location to another of an animal of a prescribed class or any thing related to animals that is prescribed, or
 - (ii) relating to the identification of premises or a vehicle of a prescribed class;
 - (g) require the owner of premises or a vehicle subject to inspection and any person found at or in the premises or on or in the vehicle to provide assistance to the inspector in carrying out his or her duties or functions; or
 - (h) require the owner of premises, a vehicle or an animal of a prescribed class, or any thing related to animals that is prescribed, to answer questions relating to a provincial traceability system put to the owner by the inspector.



Order

(2) An inspector may make an order in writing requiring an owner or a person or entity referred to in subsection (1) to provide to the inspector information or books, records or other documents in accordance with subsection (1), and subsections 3.2(3) to (5) apply in relation to that order.

Assistance of peace officer

(3) An inspector may request the assistance of and may be assisted by a peace officer in the performance of the duties and exercise of the powers of the inspector under this section. 2012.c.3.s.9.

4. Regulations

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) generally for the purpose of eradicating, preventing or controlling the spread of disease among animals in the province;
- (b) providing that no person may have in his possession an animal infected with a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (c) providing that no animal may be admitted into the province without a certificate, issued by such person or agency as may be designated by regulation, as to the freedom of such animal from a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (d) providing the terms and conditions upon which any person may have in his possession at any time an animal that the Minister thinks likely to convey a notifiable or reportable disease to any other animal or to a person;
- (e) providing for the treatment and method of treatment to be given to any animal or premises to eradicate, control or prevent the spread of a notifiable or reportable disease and requiring that the treatment be given by the owner or by a person appointed for the purpose;
- (f) providing for the treatment, prior to sale or disposal, of an animal infected or suspected of being infected with a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (g) prohibiting of the sale of any animal infected with a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (h) respecting the manner and time in which the owner of an animal, a veterinarian or the operator of a laboratory shall report to the Chief Veterinary Officer that an animal is or may be infected with a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (i) respecting restricted areas;
- (j) repealed by 2004, c. 1, s. 3;
- (k) repealed by 2004,c.1,s.3;
- (k.1) prescribing criteria for disease-free zones and designating disease-free zones for animals or particular classes of animals;
- (k.2) controlling or prohibiting the movement of specified animals or classes of livestock into a disease-free zone and the rearing of such animals or livestock within that zone;
- (l) providing for the segregation or destruction and disposal of an animal infected with a notifiable or reportable disease;
- (m) repealed by 2004, c.1, s.3;
- (n) providing for payment by the owner of an animal of the expense of any treatment required by the regulations;
- (o) establishing and governing a provincial traceability system;
- (p) prescribing the classes of premises, vehicles or animals, or the things related to animals that are subject to the provincial traceability system;

- (q) respecting the identification of premises or vehicles of prescribed classes;
- (r) respecting the identification of and tracing the movement of animals of a prescribed class and any things related to animals that are prescribed;
- (s) requiring the owner of premises, a vehicle or an animal of a prescribed class, or any thing related to animals that is prescribed, to
 - (i) obtain from the Registrar an identification number, mark, symbol, sign, tag or device for the premises, vehicle, animal, or thing related to animals,
 - (ii) apply an identification number, mark, symbol, sign, tag or device to the premises, vehicle, animal, or thing related to animals,
 - (iii) track the movement from one location to another of the animal or thing related to animals.
 - (iv) keep records, in the form required by the Registrar, of specified information for a specified period of time,
 - (v) report to the Registrar, in the form required by the Registrar, specified information at specified times, or
 - (vi) take any other action necessary to facilitate the establishment or operation of a provincial traceability system;
- (t) prescribing the records to be kept by an owner under subclause (s)(iv) and the period of time the records are to be kept;
- (u) prescribing the information to be reported to the Registrar by an owner under subclause (s)(v) and when the information is to be reported;
- (v) requiring prescribed persons or entities that collect prescribed information respecting
 - (i) premises, vehicles or animals of a prescribed class, or any things related to animals that are prescribed, or
 - (ii) the owners of any animals, places or things referred to in clause (i),

to report that information to the Registrar, in the form required by the Registrar, at specified times:

- (w) prescribing the persons or entities that are required to report information to the Registrar under clause (v);
- (x) prescribing the information to be reported under clause (v) and when the information is to be reported;
- (y) requiring the Registrar to establish and record information in one or more identification rolls;
- (z) respecting the information that the Registrar shall collect and record in an identification roll;
- (aa) respecting the removal of information from an identification roll;
- (bb) respecting the assignment of an identification number, mark or symbol to premises, a vehicle or an animal of a prescribed class or any other thing related to animals that is prescribed; and
- (cc) prescribing anything that is required or permitted to be prescribed, referred to as being prescribed or in the regulations or that is required, permitted or referred to as being done in the regulations, in accordance with the regulations or by the regulations. 1988,c.11,s.4; 1997,c.4,s.1; 2004,c.1,s.3; 2012,c.3,s.10; 2015,c.36,s.5(4); 2024,c.57,s.13.

Current to: September 13, 2025

5. Offence and penalty

Repealed by 2004, c. 1, s. 4.



6. Payment for veterinary services

Repealed by 2004, c. 1, s. 5.

7. Regulations

Repealed by 2004, c. 1, s. 5.

8. Sections 8 to 16 repealed by 2015,c.2,s.49. 1988,c.11,s.16; 2004,c.1,s.14; 2015,c.2,s.49.

PART V - GENERAL

17. Liability

No action lies against the Minister, an inspector, the Chief Veterinary Officer, the Registrar, a veterinarian or any person acting under this Act as an agent of the Minister for anything done or not done, in good faith, under this Act or the regulations. 1988,c.11,s.17; 2012,c.3,s.11; 2024,c.57,s.14.

18. Obstructing inspector

No person shall

- (a) obstruct or hinder or fail to assist as requested by; or
- (b) give false information to or fail to provide information as and when requested by,

an inspector, the Chief Veterinary Officer or the Registrar in performing duties or exercising powers under this Act or the regulations. 1988,c.11,s.18; 2004,c.1,s.15; 2012,c.3,s.12; 2024,c.57,s.15.

19. Offence

(1) Every person who contravenes a provision of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$15,000.

Continuing offence

(2) Where a contravention of a provision of this Act or the regulations continues for more than one day, the person committing the contravention is guilty of a separate offence for each day that the contravention continues. 2004,c.1,s.15; 2012,c.3,s.13; 2024,c.57,s.15.

20. Order prohibiting ownership of animal

Repealed by 2024,c.57,s.16. 2004,c.1,s.15; 2012,c.3,s.14; 2024,c.57,s.16.

21. Exposure of animals to disease or toxic substance

No person shall, without lawful authority or excuse, enter a building or other enclosed place in which animals are kept knowing that or being reckless as to whether entering such a place could result in the exposure of the animals to a disease or toxic substance that is capable of affecting or contaminating them. 2020,c.86,s.1.

22. Offence and penalty - natural person

(1) Notwithstanding subsection 19(1), any natural person who contravenes or violates section 21 is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$15,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both, and to pay such restitution as the judge thinks fit to any person aggrieved or affected by the contravention or violation.

Offence and penalty - corporation

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 19(1), any corporation that contravenes or violates section 21 is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$100,000, or its directors to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both, and to pay such restitution as the judge thinks fit to any person aggrieved or affected by the contravention or violation. 2020,c.86,s.2.