

Do you know animal welfare law?

Animal Welfare Acts 2006 and 2011

The Act places a duty of care on the owner/carer of any animal. You commit an offence if you don't take 'such steps as are reasonable in all the circumstances to ensure that the needs of the animal for which you are responsible are met.'

Who is responsible? The owner, a parent or guardian of someone under 16 who is responsible for the animal, or responsible on a temporary basis (caring for somebody else's animal)

An animal's welfare needs include:

- Environment
- Diet
- Normal behaviour
- Companionship
- Health

What happens if you don't adhere to the Act? Persons who don't provide for the animal's welfare needs may be served an Improvement Notice within a certain period of time. If the animal is still not provided for, the person responsible may be banned from owning animals, fined or imprisoned.

When were the Animal Welfare Acts passed? _____

Who is responsible for an animal?

Name three of the five animal welfare needs:

What is the first stage of intervention if you don't provide for your animal's needs?

Do you think the Welfare Act is a good way to protect animal's needs? Explain your answer.
