



Australian Capital Territory

Animal Management and Welfare Legislation Amendment Act 2023

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An Act to amend legislation about animal management and welfare

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Animal Management and Welfare Legislation Amendment Act 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the 7th day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the following legislation:

- [Animal Welfare Act 1992](#)
- [Animal Welfare Regulation 2001](#)
- [Domestic Animals Act 2000](#).

Part 2 Animal Welfare Act 1992

4 Part 4 heading

substitute

Part 4 Using or breeding animals for research or teaching

5 Section 25 heading

substitute

25 Using or breeding animals without licence

6 Dictionary, notes 1 and 2

substitute

Note The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions relevant to this Act. For example:

- ACAT
- chief police officer
- contravene
- Corporations Act
- director-general (see s 163)
- entity
- fail
- found guilty
- function
- maximum penalty
- may (see s 146)
- Minister (see s 162)
- must (see s 146)
- person (see s 160)

- police officer
- public servant
- reviewable decision notice
- the Territory
- veterinary practitioner.

Part 3 Animal Welfare Regulation 2001

7 Part 3 heading

substitute

Part 3 Using or breeding animals for research or teaching

8 Dictionary, notes 1 to 3

substitute

Note 1 The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions relevant to this regulation. For example:

- maximum penalty
- must (see s 146)
- person (see s 160).

Note 2 Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Animal Welfare Act 1992](#).

Part 4 Domestic Animals Act 2000

9 Division 2.4 heading

substitute

Division 2.4 Special licences for dogs

10 Form of special licences New section 30 (2)

insert

- (2) However, a multiple dog licence need not include the registration number of a dog kept on residential premises by the person who holds the licence if the dog is being kept temporarily on the premises on behalf of an entity that rehomes dogs.

11 Section 31

substitute

31 Special licences—duration

A special licence remains in force until the earliest of the following:

- (a) for a multiple dog licence—2 years after the day the licence commences;
- (b) for a racing greyhound controller licence and a dangerous dog licence—12 months after the day the licence commences;
- (c) the day the licence is surrendered;
- (d) the day the licence is cancelled.

**12 Offence—breeding dogs or cats without licence
Section 72 (1) (a)**

omit

female

**13 Offence—breeding, selling and advertising requirements
Section 72K (3) (b) (ii)**

substitute

- (ii) in any other case—either the person’s rehoming identifier or the unique identifier from the dog or cat’s microchip.

**14 Meaning of *de-sex* and *permit* for pt 3
Section 73, definition of *de-sex***

substitute

de-sex, in relation to a dog or cat, includes any surgical procedure performed to sterilise the dog or cat.

15 New sections 84DA and 84DB

in division 4.1, insert

84DA Multiple cat licences—form

- (1) A multiple cat licence must state—
- (a) the name of the licensee; and
 - (b) the registration number of each cat to which the licence relates; and
 - (c) the address of the premises to which the licence relates; and
 - (d) any other condition of the licence.

- (2) However, a multiple cat licence need not include the registration number of a cat kept on residential premises by the person who holds the licence if the cat is being kept temporarily on the premises on behalf of an entity that rehomes cats.

84DB Multiple cat licences—duration

A multiple cat licence remains in force until the earliest of the following:

- (a) 2 years after the day the licence commences;
- (b) the day the licence is surrendered;
- (c) the day the licence is cancelled.

16 Section 96

substitute

96 Accreditation of assistance animals

The registrar or an assistance animal assessor may accredit an animal as an assistance animal if the registrar or assistance animal assessor is satisfied that the animal has the training, hygiene and behaviour that meets the assistance animal standard.

17 Dictionary, notes 1 and 2

substitute

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- Minister (see s 162)
- must (see s 146)
- person (see s 160)
- police officer
- reviewable decision notice
- the Territory
- veterinary practitioner.

18 Dictionary, definition of *special licence*

omit

(Special dog licences)

substitute

(Special licences for dogs)

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 11 October 2022.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 15 February 2023.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Animal Management and Welfare Legislation Amendment Bill 2023, which originated in the Legislative Assembly as the Animal Management and Welfare Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 and was passed by the Assembly on 8 February 2023.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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