

Animal Welfare Act, 1985

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Gaol terms are maximums and courts may order less and are in addition to any fine. Fines are in addition to court costs and levy

Section	Offence	Gaol	Fine
13	Ill-treatment of animals	2 yrs	\$20,000
	- resulting in death	4 yrs	\$50,000
Research			
14	Organise/promote animal fights	2 yrs	\$20,000
15	Electrical device used in contravention of regulations	1yr	\$10,000
15A	Take reasonable steps to ensure owner informed of injury to animal in MVA (expiation fee: \$315)		\$5,000
16	Unlicensed use of animals for teaching or research:		
	If a natural person	-	\$10,000
	If body corporate	-	\$50,000
19	Contravention of licence		
	If a natural person	-	\$10,000
	If body corporate	-	\$50,000
22	Where person found guilty of offence, Minister may revoke/ suspend licence.		
Miscellaneous			
31E	Offence to hinder inspector	-	\$5,000
32A	Failure to comply with court order on conviction of offence	-	\$5,000
34	Hold rodeo without permission	-	\$5,000
34A	Make false or misleading statement		
	- if statement made knowing it was false or misleading	2 yrs	\$10,000
	- in any other case	-	\$5,000
36 (2)	Fail to comply with Court order that animal be surrendered	-	\$1,250
Penalties			
39 (1)	Continuing offence – same penalty for every day but not exceeding $\frac{1}{10}$ th maximum penalty		
(2)	If omission continues after conviction, same penalty for each day but not exceeding $\frac{1}{10}$ th maximum penalty		

Animal Welfare Regulations 2012

r.9	Use of steel jaw traps (expiation: \$210)	-	\$2,500
r.10	Using silicone gel to catch birds (expiation: \$210)	-	\$2,500
r.17	Regulation of rodeos		
	- insufficient safe fencing	-	\$2,500
	- fencing not designed to minimise risk of injury to animals	-	\$2,500
	- arena and surface not suitable for event	-	\$2,500
		expiation	\$210
	- rodeo veterinary surgeon not in attendance, etc	-	\$2,500
		expiation	\$210
r.22	Failure to give domestic fowls reasonable access to water and food	-	\$2,500
r.23	Failure to comply with regulations concerning caging of domestic fowls		\$2,500
		expiation	\$210