

*These notes refer to the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland)  
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 4 - Enforcement**

##### **Enforcement Powers**

##### *Section 22 - Entry and search under warrant in connection with offences*

This section provides that a lay magistrate may issue a warrant authorising an inspector or a constable to enter premises to search for evidence of offences relating to unnecessary suffering, prohibited procedures, tail docking, administration of poisons, fighting, ensuring welfare, failing to comply with an improvement notice, carrying out relevant activities without a licence or registration, abandonment, or breaching a disqualification imposed under section 33.