

*These notes refer to the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland)
2011 (c.16) which received Royal Assent on 29 March 2011*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4 - Enforcement

Prosecutions

Section 29 - Power of councils to prosecute offences

This section provides a power allowing district councils to initiate prosecution proceedings for any offence under the Act.

Section 30: Time limits for prosecutions

Summary proceedings for an offence under the Act may start at any time within three years of the offence or within twelve months of sufficient evidence being available to justify prosecution.