



Pet Animals Act 1951

1951 CHAPTER 35 14 and 15 Geo 6

4 Inspection of pet shops.

- (1) A local authority [^{F1}in Wales] may authorise in writing any of its officers or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner to inspect (subject to compliance with such precautions as the authority may specify to prevent the spread among animals of infectious diseases) any premises in their area as respects which a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of this Act is for the time being in force, and any person authorised under this section may, on producing his authority if so required, enter any such premises at all reasonable times and inspect them and any animals found thereon or any thing therein, for the purpose of ascertaining whether an offence has been or is being committed against this Act.
- (2) Any person who wilfully obstructs or delays any person in the exercise of his powers of entry or inspection under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 4(1) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2018) by [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/486\)](#), reg. 1(1)(b), [Sch. 9 para. 2\(4\)](#) (with reg. 27)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Pet Animals Act 1951, Section 4.