



# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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Act No. 24 of 2004

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## AN ACT

to amend the *Animal Welfare Act*

[Assented to 28 April 2004]  
[Second reading 19 February 2004]

**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Animal Welfare Amendment Act 2004*.

**2. Principal Act**

The *Animal Welfare Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

**3. Definitions**

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by inserting after the definition of "confine" the following:

" 'dock', for the tail of an animal, means the amputation of one or more coccygeal vertebrae of the animal;"; and

- (b) by inserting after the definition of "ethics committee" the following:

" 'horse firing' means the application of thermal stimulus to the leg of a horse with the intention of causing tissue damage and the development of scar tissue around tendons and ligaments of the leg;".

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**4. Prohibited procedures**

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1)(a) "unless the animal is a dog less than 5 days old and the docking is performed in accordance with prescribed conditions";
- (b) by omitting from subsection (1)(d) "or";
- (c) by omitting from subsection (1)(e) "pinioning." and substituting "pinioning; or"; and
- (d) by inserting after subsection (1)(e) the following:
  - "(f) engage in horse firing."

**5. Amendment of Regulations**

Regulation 3 of the Animal Welfare Regulations is repealed.

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