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An Act for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

WHEREAS it is right to make provision to prevent Preamble.
cruelty to animals, and for punishing persons guilty
thereof: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That if any person shall from and after the passing of this Penalty for
5 Act cruelly beat, ill-treat, over-drive, abuse or torture, or cruelty to
cause or procure to be cruelly beaten, ill-treated, over- Animals.
driven, abused or tortured, any animal, every such of-
fender shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a
penalty not exceeding *Five Pounds*.

10 II. And be it enacted, That if any person shall by As to danger
cruelly beating, ill-treating, over-driving, abusing or done by per-
torturing any animal, do any damage or injury to such sons guilty of
animal, or shall thereby cause any damage or injury to cruelty to
be done to any person or to any property, every such Animals,
15 offender shall on conviction of such offence pay to the
owner of such animal (if the offender shall not be the
owner thereof), or to the person who shall sustain dam-
age or injury as aforesaid, such sum of money by way of
20 compensation, not exceeding the sum of *ten pounds*, as shall
be ascertained and determined by the Justice of the Peace
by whom such person shall have been convicted: Pro-
vided always, that the payment of such compensation, or
any imprisonment for the non-payment thereof, shall not
25 prevent or in any manner affect the punishment to which
such person or the owner of such animal may be liable
for or in respect of the beating, ill-treating or abusing
of the said animal: Provided also, that nothing herein
contained shall prevent any proceeding by action against
30 such offender, or the employer of such offender, where
the amount of damage or injury is not sought to be re-
covered under this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That if any person shall con- Penalty for
vey or carry or cause to be conveyed or carried in or conveying
upon any vehicle any animal in such a manner or position Animals in a
35 as to subject such animals to unnecessary pain or suffer- cruel manner.
ing, every such person shall forfeit and pay a penalty not
exceeding *three pounds* for the first offence, and a penalty
of *five pounds* for the second and every subsequent
offence.

40 IV. And be it enacted, That when and so often as any Apprehension
of the offences against the provisions of this Act shall of offenders