

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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This chapter contains NMI's general animal protection and related statutes with an effective date on or before September 1, 2017. It begins with an overview of the provisions contained in these laws, followed by the full text of the statutes themselves. The various provisions are organized into categories. Within the first thirteen of these categories, the relevant part of each statute is italicized. Category 14 provides a non-italicized version of each of the previously referenced statutes, in numerical order. The penalties and related provisions for categories 12 and 13 are generally located within each of those respective sections.

NMI may employ similar provisions within other non-animal-specific criminal and civil statutes; may have other more specific statutes in addition to those included; and may have a variety of animal-related regulations in effect. Because the law is continually evolving, always review an official source for the most current language of any statute.

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- * Jurisdictions may have other more specific statutes in addition to the general animal protection statutes referenced in this table.
- ** Despite statutory maximums, states and territories may employ sentencing guidelines that may significantly alter the allowable sentence.
- *** Exemptions: 1-veterinary practice, 2-research animals, 3-wildlife, 4-traditional farm animal husbandry practices, 5-slaughter, 6-pest control, 7-rodeo, 8-zoos/circuses, 9-other.
- † This table generally references only those provisions that are within each jurisdiction’s animal protection statutes. Jurisdictions may employ similar provisions within other non-animal-specific criminal and civil statutes, and may also have a variety of animal-related regulations in effect.
- ‡ This list is not exhaustive; states and territories may authorize felony penalties for other crimes involving animals not included in this table.

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