

## CHAPTER 363

## Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

## Title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 1.

**"The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."**

**2.** The Society incorporated by virtue of chapter 14 of the Statutes of 1895 shall continue to be a body corporate and politic under the name of "The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," and as such is entitled to, and shall have and enjoy, perpetual succession, a corporate seal, and all the other powers and privileges made common and appurtenant to corporate bodies under and by virtue of the laws of the Province. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 2.

## Membership.

**3.** The Society shall consist of all persons who contribute to the funds thereof according to the terms and conditions of such rules and regulations as the Society may adopt as and for the constitution of the Society, and all other persons who have subscribed and paid a sum of not less than one dollar to the said funds. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 3.

## By-laws and regulations.

**4.** The Society may make such by-laws, rules, and regulations, not contrary to the laws of the Province, as may be deemed necessary for the control and management of the Society; and, among other things, for fixing the terms of membership and the appointment of officers and a governing body, and may from time to time amend, change, or modify such rules and regulations in such manner as the same specify and allow. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 4.

## Power to hold real and personal property.

**5.** The Society may receive, take, hold, enjoy, and manage all gifts, devises, bequests, legacies, subscriptions, and donations, whether of real or personal estate, which may be made or given to it; and may acquire, hold, lease, sell, convey, and mortgage any real estate necessary for the carrying-on of the work of the Society. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 5.

## Branch societies.

**6.** The Society may form and establish branch societies at or in all or any of the cities, towns, municipalities, or electoral districts of the Province, from time to time, and subject to or under such regulations as may be deemed necessary or expedient. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 6.

## Destruction of animals authorized in certain cases.

**7.** Any agent or officer of the Society, or of any branch thereof, may lawfully examine, seize, and destroy or cause to be destroyed any animal found to be at large, abandoned, or in the possession of any person who is not properly caring for said animal, and appearing in the judgment of two reputable citizens, and of a veterinary surgeon, called by such agent or officer to view the said animal in his presence, to be so severely injured that the said animal cannot, without cruelty, be led away, or to be dis-

abled, diseased past recovery, or unfit for any useful purpose. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 7.

Officers and  
agents of the  
Society may  
be sworn as  
constables.

**8.** Any officer, agent, or employee of the Society is invested with and may exercise the powers and privileges of a constable or other peace officer, for the purposes of the Society, upon being duly sworn before any Justice of the Peace, and may exercise such powers in any city, town, municipality, or electoral district in the Province in and for which he has been so sworn. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 8.

Peace officers  
of the Prov-  
ince to aid  
the Society.

**9.** All policemen, constables, and other peace officers in the Province are hereby authorized and required to aid and assist the officers of the Society in all lawful ways for enforcing the law and carrying out the objects for which the Society is incorporated. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 9.

Penalty for  
obstructing  
officer.

**10.** Any person who wilfully and knowingly interferes with or obstructs any officer or agent of the Society in the discharge of his duty is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars. R.S. 1948, c. 312, s. 10.