

Legal aspects of pet animals breeding

Abstract and key words

The subject of this diploma thesis is the issue of pet animals, especially dogs and cats. The diploma thesis focuses on the development of legislation concerning these animals and the obligations of breeders. In terms of content, the work is divided into six chapters. The first chapter defines the principles applied in animal protection law and the basic concepts of this work, which are animals, pets, breeders, breeding and pedigree.

The second chapter provides a brief overview of the instruments used in environmental protection, with an emphasis on animal protection.

The third chapter deals with the responsibilities of the breeder, where the civil, administrative and criminal liability is discussed in more detail. The chapter examines all statutory obligations whether they applied equally to dogs and cats breeders. The subchapter on criminal liability also contains a comparison of previous and current legislation.

The fourth chapter presents the bodies operating in the field of animal protection and their competencies.

The fifth chapter mentions the function of shelters and the process of adoption of the animal, including the solution of the legal relationship with the original owner of the animal.

The content of the sixth chapter contains proposals for possible prevention of problems associated with the breeding of dogs and cats and proposals for a possible change in legislation in this area. There is also a comparison with the Austrian and Belgian legislation as a possible source of inspiration.

The conclusion summarizes the development of legislation on animal protection, answers the question of differences in obligations for dog and cat breeders and contains proposals *de lege ferenda* concerning chipping, sterilization and central registration of animals.

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