

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with legal regulation of the treatment of animals under human care. It provides a comprehensive overview of international legislation, European legislation and also Czech laws. On the international level it describes fundamental conventions of the Council of Europe. On the level of European Union this thesis does not omit primary law of the European Union, secondary legislation as well as conceptual tools. On the national level it tries to outline the key regulations governing the treatment of animals. Next it deals with definition of an animal, creature and wildlife, and categorizations of animals. It also includes a civil nature of the animal. The major Czech law governing the main ways of dealing with animals in captivity this thesis describes the act no. 246/1992 Coll., On Protection of Animals against Cruelty. After defining possible ways of the treatment it does not forget to acquaint with the possible torts for breach of the requirements for the protection of animals, including act no. 40/2009 Coll., The Criminal Code. In conclusion, it briefly describes the status of bodies whose activities relate to the protection of animals.