

## ANIMAL RIGHTS

It is well known that in England animals are more highly regarded than children. We have the Royal Society for the Protection of Animals (RSPCA) but merely the National Society for the Protection of Children (NSPCC). In 1963, when I was in the Parliamentary Counsel Office, I drafted the following spoof Bill on this topic.

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BILL

To confer better protection on children, and proper protection on animals.

Be it enacted etc.

### *Protection of children*

1. Any enactment now applying to animals shall from the passing of this Act instead apply to children.

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2. Any enactment now applying to children shall from the passing of this Act instead apply to animals.

### *Interpretation*

3. In this Act-

“children” means the offspring under sixteen of human parents;

“animals” means the offspring of any age of any other parents.

### *Short title*

4. This Act may be cited as the Children (Better Protection) Act 1963.