After many years of endeavour from 2004 to 2014, the Cruelty Prevention and Welfare of Animals Act, B.E. 2557 (2014) was finally enacted into Law on December 27, 2014. This Act consists of 36 Sections under 8 Chapters.

There are some interesting sections as follows.

Section 3.
“animal” means an animal which, generally, is a domestic animal, working animal, animal used for transportation, companion animal, animal used as food, animal used for entertainment, or animal used for any other purpose, whether owned or unowned, and shall include an animal which lives in its natural habitat as prescribed by the Minister.

“cruelty” means an act or a failure to act which causes an animal to suffer, physically or mentally, or causes an animal to suffer from pain, illness, infirm, or may cause death to such animal, and shall include a use of a disabled, ill, old, or pregnant animal for any advantages, a use of animal for sexual abuse, a use of animal to overwork or to perform an inappropriate work because such animal is ill, old, or underage.

“animal welfare provision” means raising or taking care of an animal to keep it in a proper condition, to have good health and sanitation, to have an accommodation, adequate food and water.

“animal owner” means the person who has ownership, and shall include a person who has the animal in possession, or who is assigned, by the owner or from a person who is assigned from the owner, to take care of the animal.
I am most pleased to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to the Thai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (TSPCA) on the occasion of their 22nd anniversary. The vital work of the TSPCA is the foundation of Thailand's efforts to bring its animal care standards in line with other developed and developing nations, by showing compassion and empathy for our four-legged, feathered and scaled friends. Their crowning achievement – the successful passage into law of the Cruelty Prevention and Welfare of Animals Act, B.E. 2557 (2014) – is the result of many years of hard work and perseverance, and its passage has saved countless creatures from a life of pain and misery.

I would like to join all animal-loving Thais in wishing the TSPCA a happy anniversary, and continued success for many years to come.

Gen. Chatchai Sarikulya
Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives

Section 20. No person shall perform any act which is deemed an act of cruelty to animal without justification.

Section 22. An animal owner shall provide proper welfare to his or her animal in accordance with rules, procedures, and conditions prescribed by the Minister.

Section 23. An animal owner shall not leave, abandon, or act in any way to get the animal out of the owner's responsibility without justification.

Section 24. In animal transportation, or the use of animal for work, or for entertainment, the owner or relevant person shall provide proper animal welfare, as provided by the rules, procedures, and conditions prescribed by the Minister.

Section 31. Any person who contravenes Section 20 shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding forty thousand baht or to both.

Section 32. An animal owner or any person who fails to comply with rules, procedures, and conditions prescribed by the Minister under Section 22, Section 24, or contravenes Section 23 shall be liable to a fine not exceeding forty thousand baht.

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Twenty-two years have passed since we founded the Thai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

I can still recall the day we decided to dedicate ourselves to being a voice for creatures who cannot speak, but can suffer the same as we humans. Though we have come a long way, our goals today remain the same as they were in 1994: to protect and care for Thailand's animals, to educate the public and advocate the proper treatment of our four-legged, winged, scaled and feathered friends.

This past year the Thai nation has witnessed passing into law of the Animal Rights Bill which we have been working towards for many years together with many, many other animal welfare and rights groups and the Lawyer's Association of Thailand. The passing of this law means that unnecessary suffering and death of thousands of animals will be avoided, and that those people who abuse animals will face severe legal consequences. Already there have been many court rulings against offenders. However the real work of implementation has just begun.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have contributed their time, effort and resources over the years to help the Thai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals meet its goals, including of loyal staff, sponsors, volunteers, board members, along with our private and public sector partners.

I want to urge everyone to keep up the fight to give Thailand's animals chance for a happy and abuse-free life.

Mr. Tirapongse Pangsrivongse
President of TSPCA