



Jersey

# **ANIMALS (TRAPPING) (JERSEY) LAW 1961<sup>1</sup>**

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## ANIMALS (TRAPPING) (JERSEY) LAW 1961<sup>2</sup>

**A LAW** to prevent cruelty in connection with the trapping of animals

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

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### 1 Interpretation

In this Law –

“approved trap” and any reference to the animals or circumstances for which a trap is approved shall be construed in accordance with Article 2(2);

“Minister” means the Minister for the Environment;

“trap” includes a gin or snare.<sup>3</sup>

### 2 Restriction on the use of traps

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, a person shall be guilty of an offence if –

- (a) for the purpose of killing or taking animals, the person uses, or knowingly permits the use of, any trap other than an approved trap, or uses, or knowingly permits the use of, an approved trap for animals, or in circumstances, for which it is not approved;
- (b) the person sells, or exposes or offers for sale, any trap other than an approved trap; or
- (c) the person has any trap in his or her possession for a purpose which is unlawful under this Article.<sup>4</sup>

(2) The Minister may by Order approve traps of a prescribed type and make, either for general use or subject to conditions as to the animals for which and the circumstances in which a trap may be used.<sup>5</sup>

(2A) Paragraph (1) shall not apply –

- (a) to a trap of a description specified by Order of the Minister; or
- (b) to a person acting with authority of and in accordance with a licence granted under paragraph (2B).<sup>6</sup>

(2B) The Minister may by Order establish a scheme for the grant of licences –

- (a) authorizing the use, the sale or exposure or offer for sale or the possession of a traps of a specified type and make;
  - (b) either to persons of a class or to particular persons;
  - (c) subject to compliance with any specified conditions;
  - (d) subject to their modification or revocation by the Minister at any time; and
  - (e) subject to the payment of a fee to the Minister upon such grant.<sup>7</sup>
- (3) Paragraph (1)(a) shall not make unlawful the experimental use of a trap under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister to enable a trap to be developed or tested with a view to its being approved for the purposes of this Law.

### **3 Inspection of traps**

A person who uses, or knowingly permits the use of, an approved trap for the purpose of killing or taking animals, or which is so placed as to be likely to kill or take any animal, shall inspect, or cause some competent person to inspect, the trap at reasonable intervals of time and at least once every day between sunrise and sunset, and if the person fails to comply with the provisions of this Article the person shall be guilty of an offence.

### **4 Open trapping of rabbits**

A person shall be guilty of an offence if, for the purpose of killing or taking rabbits, the person uses, or knowingly permits the use of, an approved trap elsewhere than in a rabbit hole.

### **5 Spreading of myxomatosis**

A person shall be guilty of an offence if he or she knowingly uses, or permits the use of, a rabbit infected with myxomatosis to spread the disease among rabbits.

### **6 Provision as to Orders**

The [Subordinate Legislation \(Jersey\) Law 1960](#), shall apply to Orders made under this Law.

### **7 Provision as to penalties<sup>8</sup>**

A person guilty of an offence under this Law shall be liable to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

### **8 Citation**

This Law may be cited as the Animals (Trapping) (Jersey) Law 1961.

## ENDNOTES

### Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Animals (Trapping) (Jersey) Law 1961	<a href="#">L.36/1961</a>	1 November 1961
Animals (Trapping) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 1994	<a href="#">L.21/1994</a>	7 October 1994
Transfer of Functions (Environment and Public Services Committee) (No. 2) (Jersey) Act 2003	<a href="#">R&amp;O.107/2003</a>	28 October 2003
States of Jersey (Amendments and Construction Provisions No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 2005	<a href="#">R&amp;O.132/2005</a>	9 December 2005
<a href="#">Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004</a>	<a href="#">L.27/2004</a>	1 February 2007 ( <a href="#">R&amp;O.10/2007</a> )
<a href="#">States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No. 8) (Miscellaneous Transfers) (Jersey) Regulations 2015</a>	<a href="#">R&amp;O.158/2015</a>	1 January 2016

### Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current
8(1)	8
(2)	spent, omitted from this revised edition

### Table of Endnote References

<sup>1</sup> This Law was repealed by the Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021 on 4 June 2021

<sup>2</sup> This Law has been amended by the States of Jersey (Amendments and Construction Provisions No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 2005. The amendments replace all references to a Committee of the States of Jersey with a reference to a Minister of the States of Jersey, and remove and add defined terms appropriately, consequentially upon the move from a committee system of government to a ministerial system of government

<sup>3</sup> Article 1 amended by L.27/2004, R&O.158/2015

<sup>4</sup> Article 2(1) amended by L.27/2004

<sup>5</sup> Article 2(2) substituted by L.27/2004

<sup>6</sup> Article 2(2A) inserted by L.27/2004

<sup>7</sup> Article 2(2B) inserted by L.27/2004

<sup>8</sup> Article 7 substituted by L.21/1994