

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with the legal regulation of breeding and keeping dogs, which is incorporated into the context of animal welfare and the relevant legal regulations. The thesis consists of three parts, each of which is dedicated to a specific thematic area. The first part deals with the legal status of dogs and their protection. It is divided into six chapters. The first chapter introduces the issue of granting legal subjectivity to animals. This forms the basis for understanding the further development of legislation on the status and protection of animals. Other chapters of this section introduce the reader to the relevant international, European and national legislation. Emphasis is placed on the status of the animal - the dog and onto provisions related, in particular, to civil law and criminal law. The second and third part represents the core part of the diploma thesis. The second part is devoted to dog breeding and related activities. It is divided into four chapters. The first chapter deals with the field of dog breeding, together with the analysis of the current issues of puppy mills. The second chapter focuses on the area of dog transportation. It provides an analysis of the general conditions of animal transportation and further focuses on the domestic transportation of dogs by various means of transport, and it also focuses on international dog transportation for commercial and non-commercial purposes. Chapter three sets out the obligations for dog breeders, that derives from generally binding decrees. The last, fourth chapter, deals with legal regulation and operation of shelters for abandoned and stray dogs. The last part is focused on special purposes for keeping dogs. This section is divided into three chapters, which sequentially deal with hounds, police dogs and finally with dogs with special training. The diploma thesis, at the conclusion of almost every chapter, provides a subchapter which summarizes and evaluates the knowledge of the legal regulation of the area and if possible, proposes changes to *lege de ferenda*. These findings and suggestions are further contained in the conclusion of the thesis.