

Law legislation of breeding wild animals in captivity

Abstract

The aim of this diploma is to summarize and analyze the fragmented legislation concerning the breeding of wild animals in captivity, both in terms of national and EU legislation. However, given the limiting length of work, the EU legislation is not interpreted in detail, but outlines the most important sources concerning wild animals and their transposition into national law.

The opening part contains an explanation of basic concepts, which this work couldn't do without, including introduction with key laws and the definition of cruelty and killing of animals in the light of the law on the protection of animals against cruelty.

The second chapter is devoted to wild animals from the point of view of different legislation in relation to other animal species, especially in the area of capture and killing bans and regulation of some activities with them. It also includes a subchapter on the species protection of wild animals, both general and special, including the species protection of birds, rescue programs and animals raised in human care. The following chapter is devoted to the care of handicapped animals together with the definition of the institute of rescue stations. The fourth chapter summarizes the breeding of animals requiring special care, including the interpretation of some provisions of the forthcoming amendment to the Act on the Protection of Animals against Cruelty. The following chapter contains an explanation of breeding in contact zooparks, especially in terms of problematic aspects that may occur in them. The sixth chapter deals with the regulation of trade in endangered animal species, from the point of view of international, EU and national regulation and also contains an explanation to the rescue centers, which are an important part of the legislation. The seventh chapter summarizes the breeding of wild animals in circuses, including a partial comparison with foreign arrangements, conditions for the operation of circuses, dressage and transport, which is inextricably linked to circuses. The last chapter is devoted to the regulation of breeding of animal in zoos. In addition to defining the basic conditions for the operation of zoos and the conditions for obtaining licenses, it also includes a look at the basic functions of zoos. In addition to the explanation of contributing to the protection of biodiversity, it also brings closer education and awareness-raising activities.

The conclusion summarizes the most important findings and presents *de lege ferenda* considerations in some cases.

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