

Abstract

My diploma thesis deals with the legislation of veterinary care. In doing so, I tried to provide a clear and comprehensive overview of all the institutes and essentials that relate to it. Many uninformed people could mistakenly assume that this topic covers solely animal healthcare. Although it is also an integral part of the topic we do not find so much material here; the concept of veterinary work goes beyond that.

Within 5 chapters we will learn not only historical contexts of development, but also international conventions or organizations. We will compare the Czech Leagl norms against the Slovak ones. An integral part of the thesis is a brief overview of sources of EU law, both primary and secondary, as well as their historical development. „Welfare“, or ensuring animal welfare, is a rather new concept, but a highly important one. Thanks to animal welfare, we have begun to pay attention to animal health both physically and mentally. It was therefore obvious that this topic was briefly addressed, especially its development and implementation. The concept of „an animal“ related to this topic has not been not neglected, especially in how the view of the animal has changed in recent years by amending the Civil Code. Since the topic of the diploma thesis is to concern mainly legal regulations, I could not forget the list of laws that concern veterinary care. The supervision of compliance with the obligations and rights contained in the legal norms is exercised by several state bodies, which are also involved in their development. Therefore, attention is also paid to these. Finally, the detailed specification of the individual components of the concept of veterinary care concludes the whole thesis. In the last chapter we find for example what to imagine under the term sanitation, what impact on the environment does livestock breeding or the production of animal products have, and much more. Not only these belong to veterinary care.

The primary objective was to try to cover the concept of veterinary care in general, but also to assess the accessibility and character of the legislation – how comprehensive it is and whether it deals with all matters that should be addressed. I tried to reach the result by analyzing legal regulations as well as professional publications.