

Abstract

This diploma thesis entitled Legal protection of farm animals against cruelty aims to provide comprehensive overview of legal provisions for the protection of farm animals, authorities providing this protection and historical bases of the way humans interact with animals. The thesis has 7 chapters. The first chapter defines the key terms for this work, animals and farm animals. The second chapter pursues the development of the human-animal relationship and philosophical, religious and other influences affecting this relationship. The third chapter gives an overview of the first legislation dealing with animal cruelty. We can find International treaties and European Union law on the protection of farm animals against cruelty in the fourth chapter. Then the thesis focuses on the current Czech legislation, the individual areas of animal treatment regulated by law and in particular the Act no. 246/1992 Coll., On protection of animals against cruelty. The sixth chapter defines the scope of the individual animal protection authorities and finally it provides the overview of the possibilities of sanctions imposed on persons in order to protect farm animals.