

Annex B: Examples of cases of s.9 offending (failure to ensure animal welfare)

- A couple kept several pugs in a kennel that was too small and without proper heating or bedding. They were sentenced for this alongside the s.4 offence for animal cruelty and for unlicensed dog breeding.
- A horse trader who was charged for the neglect/ill treatment of 17 horses that, though not injured, were not being properly looked after, and were kept in such conditions that they would have suffered harm if this remained unchanged. He was also charged for s.4 and s.18 offences for causing suffering.
- Unlicensed breeding of dogs, with 30 puppies kept in cramped and dark crates (though there was no evidence of serious injury).
- A large horse farm, with 130 horses kept in an unsuitable/dirty environment. 14 horses had a serious parasitic infection that hadn't been treated. The offender was also sentenced for a number of other charges under s.4.
- An offender who kept his pet dog outside in an overgrown garden, with only a dilapidated wooden kennel for shelter. He was reported by his neighbours and charged for the s.9 offence.
- A poultry farm where ducks and chickens were kept in dark sheds and without the necessary dry litter. Four ducks were injured and had not been euthanised, and there were 32 duckling carcasses that had not been disposed of.
- An American Bully dog was locked in an office for four days while its owner was travelling. The dog was found walking in its own urine and faeces, and was desperate for food and water.
- A young couple had a cocker spaniel that was emaciated and flea ridden. Upon being telephoned by the RSPCA, the owners panicked and put their dog down the next day, falsely claiming it had cancer.
- Two bull terriers were kept in a yard littered with dog faeces and filled with other hazards. The dogs were not provided with clean water or enough food, and were found scavenging in bins by inspectors.

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