

**RODRIGUES PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS REGULATIONS  
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**COURTS ACT-RODRIGUES, ST. BRANDON AND AGALEGA**

**1. Penalty for cruelty to animals**

If any person shall, from and after the passing of this regulation, cruelly beat, ill-treat, over-drive or over-ride, over-load, abuse, wound or torture, or cause to be cruelly beaten, ill-treated, over-driven, or over-ridden, over-loaded, abused, wounded or tortured, any animal, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding 50 rupees.

**2. Penalty for driving, loading and riding lame or wounded animals**

If any person shall, from and after the passing of this regulation, drive, ride, load, or otherwise cause to labour, any animal which a hurt or wound, or lameness, or excessive leanness has rendered unfit for labour, every such offender shall for every offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding 50 rupees.

**3. Penalty for cock-fighting etc.**

Every person who shall keep or use or who shall suffer to be kept or used, or shall act in the management of any place, for the purpose of fighting, any cock, or any other bird, or any animal, whether of a domestic or wild nature, and any person who shall in any manner encourage, aid, or assist at the fighting of any cock, bird or animal as aforesaid, and every person who shall cause such fighting to take place in any public thoroughfare or upon any private premises shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding 50 rupees.

**4. Penalty for improperly conveying animals**

If any person shall convey or carry, or cause to be conveyed or carried in or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, any animal in such a manner or position, as to subject such animal to unnecessary pain or suffering, every such person shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding 30 rupees for the first offence, and a penalty of 50 rupees for the second offence, and for every subsequent offence 50 rupees.

**5. Penalty for improperly conveying poultry, etc.**

In any person shall convey or carry or cause to be conveyed or carried from one place to another, any fowl, poultry, or other birds, except in baskets, or hen-coops or in such other manner so that such fowls, poultry or other birds be subjected to unnecessary pain, every such person shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding 30 rupees for the first offence, and a penalty of 50 rupees for the second every subsequent offence.

**6. Persons impounding animal to provide food and water**

Every person who shall impound or confine in any pound or receptacle of the like nature, any animal, shall provide and supply during such confinement, a sufficient quantity of fit and wholesome food and water to such animal, and every such person who shall refuse or neglect to provide and supply such animal with such food and water as aforesaid, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding 10 rupees.

**7. Apprehension of offenders penalty for obstructing officers**

When and so often as any of the offences against the provisions of these regulations shall happen, it shall and may be lawful for any Police constable or officer upon his own view thereof, to seize and secure by the authority of this regulation, any such offender, and forthwith, without any other authority or warrant, to convey such offender before the Magistrate for Rodrigues to be dealt with by such Magistrate for such offence, according to law; and in case any person shall, at any time and in any manner, unlawfully obstruct, hinder, molest

or assault any Police constable or officer acting under the authority of this regulation, such person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding 200 rupees or to imprisonment not exceeding three months.

**Amended by [Act No. 70 of 1950]**

## **8. Jurisdiction of Magistrate and limitation of actions**

Every complaint or prosecution under the provisions of these regulations, shall be made within one calendar month after the cause thereof shall arise.

Every offence committed against these regulations shall be heard and determined by the Magistrate for Rodrigues; and every fine and penalty under these regulations shall be sued for and recovered before such Magistrate at the instance of any person whomsoever, in the same manner as fines and penalties are recovered under the provisions of the District and Intermediate Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act.

**Amended by [Act No. 70 of 1950]; [Act No. 9 of 1971]**

## **9. Meaning of certain words**

The word "animal" shall be taken to mean any horse, mare, gelding, bull, ox, cow, heifer, steer, calf, mule, ass, sheep, lamb, hog, pig, sow, goat, dog, cat, or any other domestic animal.

Subject to the context and to the nature of the subject matter, words denoting the singular number are to be understood to apply also to a plurality of persons, animals, birds or things; and words denoting the masculine gender are to be understood to apply to persons and animals of the feminine gender.

The expression "Balinese basket" shall mean the cylindrical basket commonly so called, made of bamboo or other flexible material intertwined so as to form meshes, such basket to be a rigid structure when completed and to be roomy enough to accommodate one pig but not more than one pig at a time.

**10. Penalty for improper conveying of pigs**

If any person shall convey or carry or cause to be conveyed or carried in or upon any ship or boat or any sea-going vessel for purposes of exportation any pig otherwise than in a Balinese basket, such person shall, for every such offence, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50 rupees.