

The Prevention of Cruelty (Capture of Animals) Rules, 1979

- **Rule 2 - Capture of Birds:**

Note: This Rule states that it is illegal to capture a bird by any method except the net method. The net method is therefore the only method permitted by law. The method is described in the explanation to Rule 2 stating that the net method is one in which an invention made of spun thread which is soft, yet strong, but most importantly made in such a way that the bird will not suffer any injury in the process of being captured.

No bird shall be captured for the purpose of sale, export or for any other purpose except by net method.

Explanation: A bird is said to be captured by the net method if in its capture the following contrivance is used, namely, a contrivance made of spun thread which is soft, pliable and sufficiently strong, like cotton, jute or any synthetic fibre, woven in such a way as to form a mesh of suitable size so that the bird is captured without any injury being caused to it.

- **Rule 3 - Capture of other animals:**

Note: This Rule states that it is illegal to capture any animal by any method other than the sack and loop method. The sack and loop method is described in the explanation following sub-clause (2) which specifies the dimensions permitted and also mandates the need for breathing space for the animal while in captivity,

There is a proviso to sub-clause (1) which states that in a situation where an animal is too large or for any other reason, the sack and loop method cannot be successfully used, the animal may be captured using tranquilizer guns. Alternatively, any other method may also be used but only as long as it makes the animal insensitive to pain prior to being captured.

(1) No animal shall be captured for the purpose of sale, export or for any other purpose except by sack and loop method.

Provided that an animal which cannot be captured by reason of its size, nature of other condition or circumstances by the sack and loop method, may be captured with the help of tranquiliser guns or by any other method which renders the animal insensible to pain before capture.

(2) Nothing in this rule shall apply to the capture of birds.

Explanation : An animal is said to be captured by the sack and loop method if in its capture the following contrivance is used, namely a strong canvass in the form of sack, not less than 92 cms. in length and 138 cms in diameter, which has a smooth rope, not less than 5.5 meter in length passing through ten or more

rings of not less than 4 cms. in diameter each attached at the open end, thus forming a loop, the sack having small holes at convenient places to enable the animal to breathe during captivity, and the animal is captured by the sack being thrown on it and secured by having the loop pulled.