



CHAPTER 19A
ARTICLE 1 - CIVIL REMEDY FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

N.C.G.S. § 19A-1.1.

Exemptions.

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This Article shall not apply to the following:

The lawful taking of animals under the jurisdiction and regulation of the Wildlife Resources Commission, except that this Article applies to those birds other than pigeons exempted by the Wildlife Resources Commission from its definition of "wild birds" pursuant to G.S. 113-129(15a).

Lawful activities conducted for purposes of biomedical research or training or for purposes of production of livestock, poultry, or aquatic species.

Lawful activities conducted for the primary purpose of providing food for human or animal consumption.

Activities conducted for lawful veterinary purposes.

The lawful destruction of any animal for the purposes of protecting the public, other animals, or the public health.

Lawful activities for sport.

The taking and holding in captivity of a wild animal by a licensed sportsman for use or display in an annual, seasonal, or cultural event, so long as the animal is captured from the wild and returned to the wild at or near the area where it was captured. (2003-208, s. 1; 2013-3, s. 3; 2015-286, s. 4.32(b).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 113-129(15a)	(null)(1)	"definition of "wild birds" pursuant to"

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Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19A-1.1 (2026).

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