

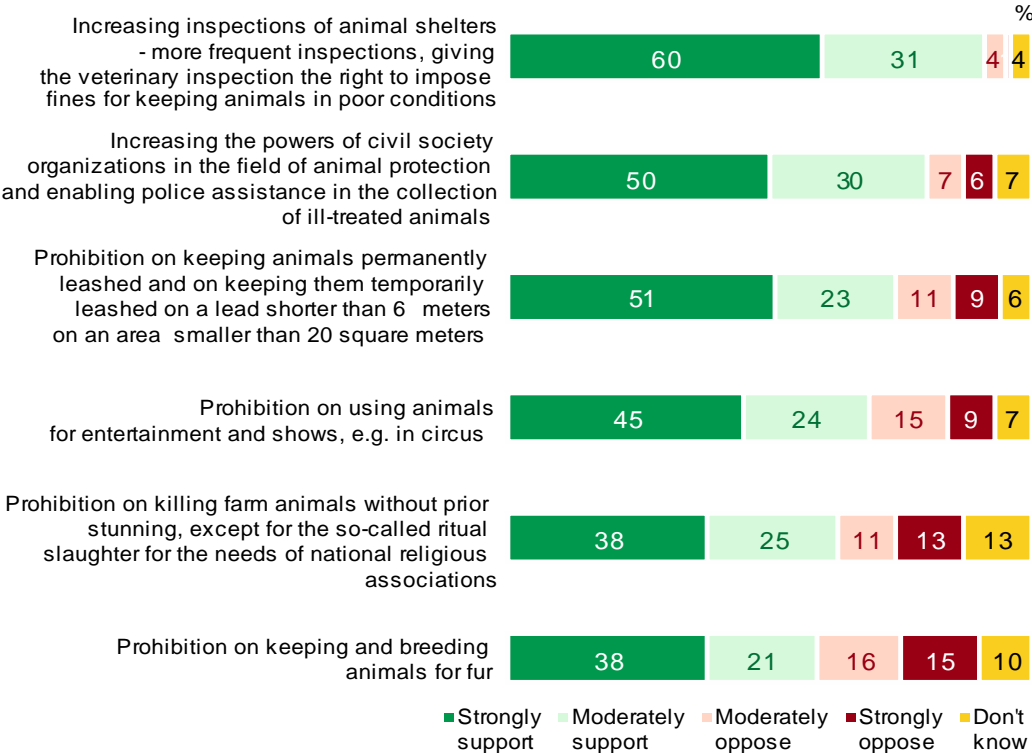
Opinions on changes in animal protection

Law and Justice (PiS) has prepared a draft amendment to the Act on the Protection of Animals, referred to as "five laws for animals", whose main and most controversial provisions are the prohibition on keeping and breeding animals for fur and on slaughtering farm animals without prior stunning.

Poles to a greater or lesser extent support the most important legislative proposals to amend the Animal Protection Act. The least diverse opinions are about: 1) increasing the control of animal shelters, consisting in more frequent inspections than before and giving the veterinary inspection the right to impose fines for keeping animals in poor conditions, and 2) increasing the powers of civil society organizations in the field of animal protection and enabling the police to assist them in collecting mistreated animals. These proposals enjoy the support of the vast majority of respondents (91% and 80% respectively). Three-quarters of Poles (74%) are in favour of a ban on permanent leashing and temporary leashing of animals on a lead shorter than 6 meters on an area smaller than 20 square meters. The law prohibiting the use of animals for entertainment purposes, such as in circus, is supported by over two-thirds of respondents (69%). Almost two-thirds of Poles (63%) support the ban on killing farm animals without prior stunning (except for the so-

called ritual slaughter for the needs of local religious associations). The attitude to the ban on breeding animals for fur is the most ambiguous: it is supported by nearly six out of ten respondents (59%), and opposed by less than a third (31%).

Here are some proposed changes to the Animal Protection Act. For each of them, please specify whether you support or oppose them.



In case of all the proposed changes, people working on private farms are characterized by the highest level of opposition. Contrary to the opinion of all respondents, most of them disapprove of the ban on fur farms (55% against, 32% expressing approval), and in the case of slaughter without anaesthesia, their votes are almost evenly divided (40% for and 43% against). It is noteworthy that rural residents as a whole do not differ significantly from the general public.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions on Changes in Animals Protection", October 2020. Fieldwork for national sample: September/October 2020, N=1133. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.