



# Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021

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## 1 Offence under section 1 of the 1953 Act: name, definition and penalty

- (1) The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 (“the 1953 Act”) is amended as follows.
- (2) The title of section 1 becomes “ **Offence where dog attacks or worries livestock on agricultural land** ”.
- (3) In that section—
  - (a) in subsection (1), after “a dog” insert “ attacks or ”,
  - (b) in subsection (2), paragraph (a) is repealed,
  - (c) in paragraph (b) of subsection (2A)—
    - (i) after “guide dog” insert “ or other assistance dog ”,
    - (ii) after “hunt” insert “ , but only if and to the extent that the dog is performing the role in question ”,
  - (d) in subsection (4)—
    - (i) before “worrying” insert “ attacking or ”,
    - (ii) before “worried” insert “ attacked or ”,
  - (e) in subsection (6), for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—
    - “(a) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months;
    - (b) to a fine not exceeding £40,000; or
    - (c) both.”.
- (4) In subsection (2) of section 2, before “worrying” insert “ attacking or ”.
- (5) The modification made by subsection (3)(e) applies only to offences committed on or after the date on which the modification comes into force.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 1.