



# Animals Act 1971

## CHAPTER 22

### ANIMALS ACT 1971

#### *Strict liability for damage done by animals*

- 1 New provisions as to strict liability for damage done by animals.
- 2 Liability for damage done by dangerous animals.
- 3 Liability for injury done by dogs to livestock.
- 4 Liability for damage and expenses due to trespassing livestock.
- 4A Liability for damage and expenses due to horses on land in England without lawful authority
- 5 Exceptions from liability under sections 2 to 4A.
- 6 Interpretation of certain expressions used in sections 2 to 5.

#### *Detention and sale of trespassing livestock*

- 7 Detention and sale of trespassing livestock.
- 7A Power of local authorities in England to detain horses
- 7B Powers of freeholders and occupiers in England to detain horses
- 7C Detention of horses under sections 7A and 7B

#### *Animals straying on to highway*

- 8 Duty to take care to prevent damage from animals straying on to the highway.

#### *Protection of livestock against dogs*

- 9 Killing of or injury to dogs worrying livestock.

#### *Supplemental*

- 10 Application of certain enactments to liability under sections 2 to 4A.

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- 11 General interpretation.
- 12 Application to Crown.
- 13 Short title, repeal, commencement and extent.

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