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Interpretation

1. In this Act—

"Animal Control Officer" means the Animal Control Officer appointed under section 2(2) of the Dogs Act and includes any Assistant Animal Control Officer;
(Act 9/2001, s. 1)

"poultry" means domestic fowl, turkeys, geese, ducks and guinea fowl;

"small stock" means calves, heifers, sheep, goats and swine.

Liability of owner of dog for injury to poultry and small stock

2. (1) The owner of a dog shall be liable in damages for injury done to any poultry or small stock by that dog; and it shall not be necessary for the person seeking such damages to show a previous mischievous propensity in the dog, or the owner's knowledge of such previous propensity, or to show that the injury was attributable to neglect on the part of the owner.

(2) Where any such injury has been done by a dog, the occupier of any house or premises where the dog was kept or permitted to live or remain at the time of the injury shall be presumed to be the owner of the dog, and shall be liable for the injury unless he proves that he was not the owner of the dog at that time, but where there are more occupiers than one in any house or premises, the occupier of that particular part of the house or premises in which the dog has been kept or permitted to live or remain at the time of the injury shall be presumed to be the owner of the dog.

Power to destroy dogs

3. (1) It is lawful for the Animal Control Officer or a police officer to destroy any dog while it is chasing small stock or poultry at any time or place, either by shooting it with a firearm or killing it in some other manner which causes as little pain as possible.

(Act 9/2001, s. 2 and Act 39/2020, s. 2)

(2) For the purposes of this section, the expression "firearm" has the meaning assigned to it in section 1(1) of the Firearms Act.

Citation

4. This Act may be cited as the Dogs (Injury to Poultry and Small Stock) Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter D40.

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