



Animals Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 22

Strict liability for damage done by animals

1 New provisions as to strict liability for damage done by animals

- (1) The provisions of sections 2 to 5 of this Act replace—
 - (a) the rules of the common law imposing a strict liability in tort for damage done by an animal on the ground that the animal is regarded as *ferae naturae* or that its vicious or mischievous propensities are known or presumed to be known;
 - (b) subsections (1) and (2) of section 1 of the Dogs Act 1906 as amended by the Dogs (Amendment) Act 1928 (injury to cattle or poultry); and
 - (c) the rules of the common law imposing a liability for cattle trespass.
- (2) Expressions used in those sections shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 6 (as well as those of section 11) of this Act.