



Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 38

4 Power to seize and to dispose of animals without compensation.

- (1) Where—
 - (a) an animal is being kept contrary to section 1(1) of this Act, or
 - (b) any condition of a licence under this Act is contravened or not complied with,the local authority in whose area any animal concerned is for the time being may seize the animal, and either retain it in the authority's possession or destroy or otherwise dispose of it, and shall not be liable to pay compensation to any person in respect of the exercise of its powers under this subsection.
- (2) A local authority which incurs any expenditure in exercising its powers under subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be entitled to recover the amount of the expenditure summarily as a civil debt from any person who was at the time of the seizure a keeper of the animal concerned.
- (3) A local authority which incurs any expenditure in exercising its powers under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall be entitled to recover the amount of the expenditure summarily as a civil debt from the person to whom the licence concerned was granted.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, Section 4.