



Dogs Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 56 34 and 35 Vict

2 Dangerous dogs may be destroyed.

Any court of summary jurisdiction may take cognizance of a complaint that a dog is dangerous, and not kept under proper control, and if it appears to the court having cognizance of such complaint that such dog is dangerous, the court may make an order in a summary way directing the dog to be kept by the owner under proper control or destroyed, . . . ^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1989 \(c. 30, SIF 4:1\)](#), [s. 2 \(3\)\(a\)\(4\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 [S. 2](#) extended by [Dogs Act 1906 \(c. 32\)](#), [s. 1\(4\)](#); amended by [Dogs Amendment Act 1938 \(c. 21\)](#)

C2 [S. 2](#) explained (E.W.S.) (12.8.1991) by [Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 \(c. 65, SIF 4:1\)](#), [s. 3\(5\)](#); S.I. 1991/1742, [art. 3](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Dogs Act 1871, Section 2.