
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 1040

Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

Liability for injury by dogs to livestock

8.—(1) Where a dog causes damage by^[F1] worrying^[F1] livestock, any person who is a keeper of the dog is liable for the damage.

(2) Where the amount of damage under this Article does not exceed^[F1] £100^[F1] it shall be recoverable summarily as a civil debt under^[F2] Article 62 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981^[F2].

(3) A person is not liable under this Article, if the livestock was^[F1] worried^[F1] on land onto which it had strayed and either the dog belonged to the occupier or its presence on the land was authorised by the occupier, unless the person caused the dog to^[F1] worry^[F1] the livestock.

^[F1](4) In this Article “worrying livestock” means—

- (a) attacking or killing livestock; or
- (b) chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause the death of, or injury or suffering to, the livestock or to result in financial loss to the owner of the livestock.^[F1]

F1 1983 NI 8

F2 1981 NI 26

Changes to legislation:

Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(1\)Sch.4 para. 11](#)