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CHAPTER 22

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Strict liability for damage done by animals

1 New provisions as to strict liability for damage done by animals.
2 Liability for damage done by dangerous animals.
3 Liability for injury done by dogs to livestock.
4 Liability for damage and expenses due to trespassing livestock.
4A Liability for damage and expenses due to horses on land in England without lawful authority
5 Exceptions from liability under sections 2 to 4A.
6 Interpretation of certain expressions used in sections 2 to 5.

Detention and sale of trespassing livestock

7 Detention and sale of trespassing livestock.
7A Power of local authorities in England to detain horses
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7C Detention of horses under sections 7A and 7B

Animals straying on to highway

8 Duty to take care to prevent damage from animals straying on to the highway.

Protection of livestock against dogs

9 Killing of or injury to dogs worrying livestock.

Supplemental

10 Application of certain enactments to liability under sections 2 to 4A.

11 General interpretation.
12 Application to Crown.
13 Short title, repeal, commencement and extent.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animals Act 1971.