



Animals Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 22

Supplemental

11 General interpretation.

In this Act—

[^{F1} “ common land ” means—

- (a) land registered as common land in a register of common land kept under Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006;
- (b) land to which Part 1 of that Act does not apply and which is subject to rights of common within the meaning of that Act;

“ town or village green ” means land registered as a town or village green in a register of town or village greens kept under Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006;]

“ damage ” includes the death of, or injury to, any person (including any disease and any impairment of physical or mental condition);

“ fault ” has the same meaning as in the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945;

“ fencing ” includes the construction of any obstacle designed to prevent animals from straying;

[^{F2} “ horse ” includes an ass, mule or hinny;]

“ livestock ” means cattle, horses, ^{F3}... sheep, pigs, goats and poultry, and also deer not in the wild state and, in sections 3 and 9, also, while in captivity, pheasants, partridges and grouse;

“ poultry ” means the domestic varieties of the following, that is to say, fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls, pigeons, peacocks and quails; and

[^{F4} “ public place ” includes—

- (a) any common land or town or village green;
- (b) any highway (and the verges of any highway);]

“ species ” includes sub-species and variety.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animals Act 1971, Section 11. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 11 substituted (31.10.2011 for E.) by [Commons Act 2006 \(c. 26\)](#), s. 56, **Sch. 5 para. 2** (with s. 60); [S.I. 2011/2460, art. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F2** Words in s. 11 inserted (26.5.2015) by [Control of Horses Act 2015 \(c. 23\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(a)**, 5(1)
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- F4** Words in s. 11 inserted (26.5.2015) by [Control of Horses Act 2015 \(c. 23\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(c)**, 5(1)

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