



Animals Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 22

Strict liability for damage done by animals

[^{F1}4A Liability for damage and expenses due to horses on land in England without lawful authority

- (1) This section applies where a horse is on any land in England without lawful authority.
- (2) The person to whom the horse belongs is liable for—
 - (a) any damage done by the horse to—
 - (i) the land, or
 - (ii) any property on it which is in the ownership or possession of the freeholder or occupier of the land, and
 - (b) any expenses which are reasonably incurred by a person detaining the horse under section 7A or 7B of this Act—
 - (i) in keeping the horse while it cannot be restored to the person to whom it belongs or while it is detained under section 7A or 7B of this Act, or
 - (ii) in ascertaining to whom it belongs.

This is subject to the other provisions of this Act.

- (3) For the purposes of this section a horse belongs to the person in whose possession it is.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 4A inserted (26.5.2015) by [Control of Horses Act 2015 \(c. 23\)](#), ss. 4(1), 5(1)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animals Act 1971, Section 4A.