

THE DOGS (LIABILITY FOR INJURIES BY) ACT

Cap. 104.

[28th March, 1877.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Dogs (Liability for Injuries by) Act. Short title.

2. The owner of every dog shall be liable in damages for injury done to any person, or any cattle or sheep by his dog, and it shall not be necessary for the party seeking such damages to show a previous mischievous propensity in such dog, or the owner's knowledge of such previous propensity or that the injury was attributable to neglect on the part of such owner. Such damages shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction by the person injured, or by the owner of such cattle or sheep killed or injured. Civil liability of owners of dogs for injuries done by them enlarged and defined.

3. The occupier of any house or premises where any dog was kept, or permitted to live or remain at the time of such injury shall be deemed to be the owner of such dog, and shall be liable as such, unless the said occupier can prove that he was not the owner of such dog at the time the injury complained of was committed, and that such dog was kept or permitted to live or remain in the said house or premises without his sanction or knowledge: Owner of dog, defined.

Provided always, that where there are more occupiers than one in any house or premises let in separate apartments, or lodgings, or otherwise, the occupier of that particular part of the premises in which such dog shall have been kept or permitted to live or remain at the time of such injury, shall be deemed to be the owner of such dog.