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Title 44 Animals And Animal Husbandry
Chapter 8 Fences and Confinement
Part 4 Running at Large

Tenn. Code Ann. § **44-8-413** (2016)

44-8-413. Civil liability for injury caused by dogs.

(a) (1) The owner of a dog has a duty to keep that dog under reasonable control at all times, and to keep that dog from running at large. A person who breaches that duty is subject to civil liability for any damages suffered by a person who is injured by the dog while in a public place or lawfully in or on the private property of another.

(2) The owner may be held liable regardless of whether the dog has shown any dangerous propensities or whether the dog's owner knew or should have known of the dog's dangerous propensities.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not be construed to impose liability upon the owner of the dog if:

(1) The dog is a police or military dog, the injury occurred during the course of the dog's official duties and the person