

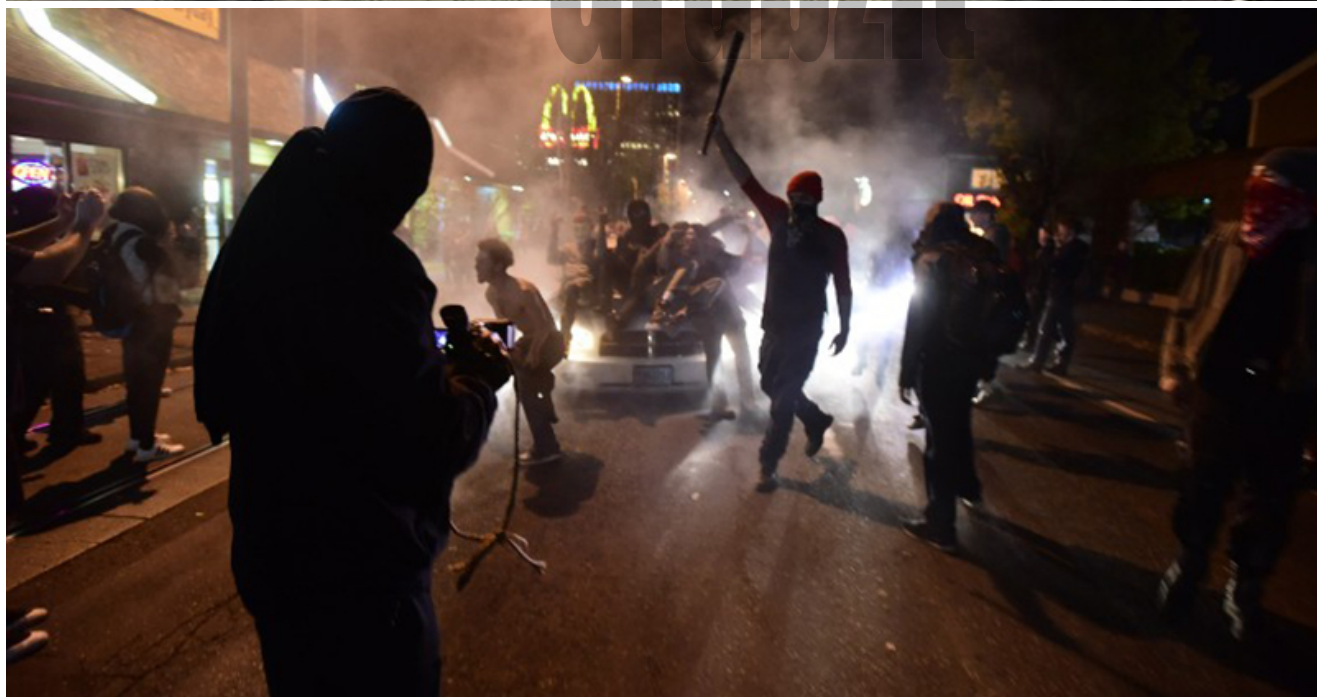
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2015 ORS § 609.150¹

Right to kill dog that harms or chases livestock

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, any dog, whether licensed or not, which, while off the premises owned or under control of its owner, kills, wounds, or injures any livestock not belonging to the master of such dog, is a public nuisance and may be killed immediately by any person. However, nothing in this section applies to any dog acting under the direction of its master, or the agents or employees of such master.

(2) If any dog, not under the control of its owner or keeper, is found chasing or feeding upon the warm carcass of livestock not the property of such owner or keeper it shall be deemed, prima facie, as engaged in killing, wounding or injuring livestock.

(3) No person shall kill any dog for killing, wounding, injuring or chasing chickens upon a public place, highway or within the corporate limits of any city. [Amended by 1975 c.749 §6]

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Notes of Decisions

Relative value is not a factor to be considered in determining whether the owner of poultry or livestock attacked by dogs may kill such dogs. *White v. Maxwell*, 274 Or 557, 547 P2d 117 (1976)

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Atty. Gen. Opinions

Possession and administration of sodium pentobarbital by county animal control program, (1982) Vol 42, p 297

News Reports

[East Multnomah County organic farmer is found guilty on one count in 2010 dog-killing](#)

The Oregonian / Steve Beaven, Jan 28, 2011

“The dispute started nearly two years ago, when David Shonk complained that Jeff Freeland's dog -- a gray husky named Yukon -- wandered onto Shonk's farm and attacked his chickens.”

http://www.oregonlive.com/gresham/index.ssf/2011/01/east_multnomah_county_organic.html

[Dog issues persist in Selma](#)

Illinois Valley News / Scott Jorgensen, Apr 14, 2010

“Since a horse and unborn foal in Selma were killed by a pack of dogs on March 26, there have been at least two other reported complaints regarding similar incidents. . . . There are a series of statutes under Oregon law that codify the responsibilities of dog owners. . . .”

http://www.illinois-valley-news.com/archive/2010/04/14/dog_issues/

¹ Legislative Counsel Committee, *CHAPTER 609—Dogs; Exotic Animals; Dealers*, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/-ors609.html (2015) (last accessed Jul. 16, 2016).

² Legislative Counsel Committee, *Annotations to the Oregon Revised Statutes, Cumulative Supplement - 2015, Chapter 609*, https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ano609.html (2015) (last accessed Jul. 16, 2016).

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