

TITLE 4

Animals and Animal Husbandry

CHAPTER 4-13

Dogs

SECTION 4-13-20

§ 4-13-20 Appraisal of damages done by dogs.

Each town or city council, excepting the town and city councils in the cities of Newport and Pawtucket and in the towns of Jamestown, Little Compton, New Shoreham, Tiverton, Exeter, and Burrillville shall annually in the month of April appoint one or more suitable persons as appraisers, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties, to appraise the damage that may be done to any owner of any sheep, goats or lambs, cattle or horses, hogs or fowls, closely confined game birds, or closely confined rabbits suffering loss by reason of the biting, maiming, or killing by any dog or dogs, and to give a statement in writing to the owner suffering the loss; and the owner, suffering loss, shall, within two (2) days after the loss comes to his or her knowledge, notify the appraiser, appointed and sworn, living nearest to him or her in the city or town where the damage occurred, of the loss; and the appraiser shall, on receipt of twenty-five cents (25¢) for each mile's travel (or, in the towns of Middletown and Portsmouth, twenty cents (20¢) for each mile's travel) and the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) from the owner, appraise the damage and give a statement in writing, with his or her lawful fees taxed thereon, to the owner; and the owner shall, within sixty (60) days, present the statement to the city or town council of the city or town, who shall draw an order on the city or town treasurer for the amount of the appraisal and fees, or for any other amount as the council, in the council's discretion, after careful examination, shall deem just; and the order, when presented to the city or town treasurer, shall be paid in the same manner as any other order made by the city or town council upon the city or town treasurer.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1896, ch. 111, § 15; G.L. 1909, ch. 135, § 15; G.L. 1923, ch. 136, § 15; P.L. 1932, ch. 1942, § 1; P.L. 1932, ch. 1951, § 3; G.L. 1938, ch. 639, § 15; impl. am. P.L. 1949, ch. 2233, § 1; P.L. 1949, ch. 2323, § 1; G.L. 1956, § 4-13-20; P.L. 1962, ch. 7, § 1; P.L. 1979, ch. 93, § 1; P.L. 1990, ch. 298, § 1; P.L. 2000, ch. 455, § 1.)