

ship of the dog responsible for the loss and report his findings and recommendations concerning the same. If such identity and ownership is not known then the Board shall review the claim and the report of the Warden and shall determine the amount, if any, of damages to be awarded which shall be paid out of the Claims Fund for the district involved and the Board's award shall be final. No award or payment on any such claim shall be made unless it is completed and filed with the clerk of said Board within four days from the date of appointment of the appraisers.

If the owner of the dog is known, the Warden shall direct him immediately to impound such dog until authorized by the Board to release it and he, together with the claimant sustaining the loss shall appear before the Board at their next meeting after notice from the Warden and if after review of the claim and the Warden's report on the same, the amount of damages awarded by the Board to the claimant is acknowledged and paid by the owner of the dog, the dog then shall be released provided it is duly licensed at the time of the killing, otherwise it must be surrendered to the Warden for destruction unless otherwise directed by the Board.

If the owner of said dog disputes the liability and refuses to pay the same, the claimant shall be paid the amount awarded out of the Claims Fund of his district and the Board then must file a lien against the real and personal estate of the said owner for the sum so paid and shall order his dog impounded at his expense until the case is finally settled.

Such owner shall have the right of an appeal from such findings and levy to the Circuit Court of his residence, the same as in other appeal cases, provided such appeal is taken within ten days from the date of the Board's decision and if the decision on appeal is against him, he shall be liable in damages to the County for treble the amount of damages paid by the County on the claim.

Provided, however, that no owner of livestock or poultry shall be reimbursed under the provisions of this Section for damages inflicted by his own dog, nor shall he be reimbursed for any damages by any dog if, at the time such damage was inflicted, he or any member of his household or other person living on his lands owned or kept or harbored an unlicensed dog of licensing age. No reimbursements, under this Section, shall be made for damages by a dog to a dog, cat or other pet. Awards shall in no case exceed the fair market value of such livestock or poultry as food products.

256K. OWNERS LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY. If any dog shall do any damage to either the body or