

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 and the Board then must file suit against 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 a judgment against him 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 judgment and if the decision on appeal is against him, he shall be liable in damages to the County for the amount of damages paid by the County on the claim, and court costs and expenses.

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. (Owner's Liability for Damage to Person or Property.) If any dogs shall do any damage to either the body, clothing or other property of any person, the owner or keeper, or if the owner or keeper be a minor, the parents or guardian of such minor, shall be liable for such damages, unless such damages shall have been occasioned to the body or clothing of a person who, at the time such was sustained, was committing a trespass or other tort, or was teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog. A person is lawfully upon the private property of such owner within the meaning of this Act when he is on such property in the performance of any duty imposed upon him by the laws of the State of Maryland, Acts relating to Anne Arundel County or postal regulations of the United States of America, or when he is on such property upon the invitation, expressed or implied, of the owner thereof.

The owner of any livestock or poultry injured or killed by any dog may recover as liquidated damages from the owner of such dog, devoid of proper legal defenses, twice the actual value of the animals killed or twice the value of damages sustained by reason of said injuries as the case may be. If two or more dogs kept by two or more owners or keepers injure or kill any livestock or poultry at the same time, the