

responsible for the loss and report their findings and recommendations concerning the same. If such identity and ownership is not known, the Dog License Commission shall review the claim and the report of its representatives and shall determine the amount, if any of damages to be awarded and the Commission's award shall be final. No award or payment on any such claim shall be made unless it is completed and filed with the said Commission within four days from the date of appointment of the appraisers.

If the owner of the dog is known, the Commission or its representative shall impound such dog until authorized by the Commission to release it and he, together with the claimant sustaining the loss shall appear before the Commission at their next meeting after notice and if, after review of the dog, the dog then shall be released provided it is duly licensed.

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 Commission then must file suit against the said owner for the sum so paid.

Such owner shall have the right of an appeal from a judgment against him to the Circuit Court of Baltimore County, 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 Dog License Commission for the amount of damages paid by the Commission on the claim, and court cost 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 dog, nor shall he be reimbursed for any damages by any dog if, at the time such damage was inflicted, he 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. This section not to deny the right of action by an owner against another person for injuries resulting to his dog. Awards shall in no case exceed the fair market value of such livestock or poultry as food products.

200F. (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 damage 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, Baltimore County or by the 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