

*time, the owners or keepers of such dogs are jointly and severally liable for such damage.*

*200G. (Damaged Party Choice of Remedies.) The owner of livestock or poultry which has been maimed or killed by a dog shall have his election to proceed under Section 200E, or under Section 200F, but having signified his election by starting proceedings in either mode, he shall not have other remedy.*

*Any Warden or other person who has reason to believe that any dog has been worrying, wounding or killing livestock but which has not been found in the act, may apply to a trial magistrate of the district in which such dog may be, who shall issue a warrant requiring the owner or custodian, if known, to appear before him at a time and place named therein, at which time evidence shall be heard, and if it shall appear that such a dog is a livestock or poultry killer, or has committed any of the depredations mentioned in this section, the dog shall be ordered surrendered to the Dog License Commission or its designated representative to be destroyed in the most humane manner possible. Provided however, that any such dog either known to be or suspected as a killer shall be allowed to remain in its owner's possession upon his posting a bond or surety acceptable to the Dog License Commission in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) as a guarantee to the Commission for the payment of any further claims filed as a consequence of damages caused or participated in by said dog.*

*200H. (Nuisance of Vicious, Chasing or Barking Dog.) If any person shall make complaint in writing and swear to the same before a trial magistrate in his district that any dog owned or harbored within his jurisdiction is a menace by reason of vicious disposition or a nuisance or hazard as evidenced by chasing persons, draft animals, vehicles or by such whining or barking as to constitute an annoyance to persons residing in the neighborhood, such trial magistrate shall require the Dog License Commission to investigate the complaint and said Commission thereupon may call the owner of the dog complained of before it for questioning and may make such order concerning the restraint of such dog as said Commission may deem to be necessary. Any time within ten days after such order the owner or keeper of such dog may bring a petition in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County praying that the order may be reviewed by the Court, and after such notice to the Dog License Commission such other officer involved as the Court may deem necessary, shall review such action, hear the witnesses and affirm such order unless it shall appear that it was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case such order shall be reversed with costs against the petitioner. The decision of the Court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties.*

*Any person owning or harboring such a dog who shall fail to comply with any order of the Dog License Commission or the Circuit Court, as the case may be, shall be punished by the Court by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to dogs kept at a duly established and operated shelter or public pound.*

*200-I. (Authority to Kill Vicious Dog.) If a dog which the Dog License Commission or, upon review, the Circuit Court shall have*