

any person, the owner or keeper may be required to deliver up the offending dog to be killed in the most humane manner possible unless he removes the dog permanently from the neighborhood. If the owner or keeper is required to deliver up the dog to be killed or to remove it as aforesaid and he refuses or fails to do so, then it is the duty of any police officer or any duly empowered agent on behalf of the county to seize the dog wherever it may be found and to cause it to be killed in the most humane manner possible. The court may order the dog restrained or enter such other appropriate order as the case may require. Any owner failing to comply with the provisions of this paragraph or a court order entered thereunder is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the barking of hunting dogs in pursuit of game shall not be considered a disturbance of the public peace for the purposes hereof.

(4) It is unlawful in Cecil County for any person to own or keep a domestic animal which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area, or which is vicious and bites any person. Upon the sworn complaint [before a trial magistrate] *in the District Court sitting* in Cecil County of any two or more persons of different households alleging that a domestic animal disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area of Cecil County, or upon the sworn complaint of any one or more persons that a domestic animal is vicious and has bitten any person a summons shall issue to the owner or keeper of such domestic animal to appear [before a trial magistrate] *in the District Court sitting* in Cecil County. Upon proof that the domestic animal disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood in an inhabited area, or is vicious and has bitten any person, the owner or keeper may be required to deliver up the offending domestic animal to be killed in the most humane manner possible unless he removes the domestic animal permanently from the neighborhood. If the owner or keeper is required to deliver up the domestic animal to be killed or to remove it as aforesaid, and he refuses or fails to do so, then it is the duty of any police officer or any duly empowered agent on behalf of the county to seize the domestic animal wherever it may be found and to cause it to be killed in the most humane manner possible. The court may order the domestic animal restrained or enter such other appropriate order as the case may require. Any owner failing to comply with the provisions of this paragraph or a court order entered thereunder is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the barking of hunting dogs in pursuit of game shall not be considered a disturbance of the public peace for the purposes hereof.

198. Compensation for sheep, etc., killed by dog; dog to be killed; special provisions for certain counties.

When any inhabitant of any county shall have any sheep, poultry, or livestock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs he may apply to [any trial magistrate] *the sheriff* of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained; at least one of said appraisers shall be a deputy sheriff of said county and they, under oath, shall state in