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An Act to render Owners of Dogs in *England* and *Wales* liable for Injuries to Cattle and Sheep.

[29th *June* 1865.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law as to the Liability of the Owners of Dogs for Injuries done to Cattle and Sheep by such Dogs: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Owner of Dog to be liable in Damages for any Injury committed by his Dog.

Recovery of Damages.

1. The Owner of every Dog shall be liable in Damages for Injury done to any Cattle or Sheep by his Dog; and it shall not be necessary for the Party seeking such Damages to show a previous mischievous Propensity in such Dog, or the Owner's Knowledge of such previous Propensity, or that the Injury was attributable to Neglect on the Part of such Owner. Such Damages shall be recoverable in any Court of competent Jurisdiction by the Owner of such Cattle or Sheep killed or injured. Where the Amount of the Damages claimed shall not exceed Five Pounds, the same shall be recoverable in a summary Way before any Justice or Justices sitting in Petty Sessions under the Provisions of the Act Eleven and Twelve Victoria, Chapter Forty-three.

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Who shall be deemed the Owner of the Dog.

2. The Occupier of any House or Premises where any Dog was kept or permitted to live or remain at the Time of such Injury shall be deemed to be the Owner of such Dog, and shall be liable as such, unless the said Occupier can prove that he was not the Owner of such Dog at the Time the Injury complained of was committed, and that such Dog was kept or permitted to live or remain in the said House or Premises without his Sanction or Knowledge: Provided always, that where there are more Occupiers than One in any House or Premises let in separate Apartments, or Lodgings, or otherwise, the Occupier of that particular Part of the Premises in which such Dog shall have been kept or permitted to live or remain at the Time of such Injury shall be deemed to be the Owner of such Dog.

Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall extend to *England* and *Wales* only.

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