

An Act Respecting Pounds.

1. Until varied or other provisions are made by by-laws passed under the authority of section 490 of the Municipal Act, this Act shall be in force in every township, city, town, and incorporated village in Ontario. R. S. O. 1877, c. 195, s. 1.

2. The owner or occupant of any land shall be responsible for any damage or damages caused by any animal or animals under his charge and keeping, as though such animal or animals were his own property, and the owner of any animal not permitted to run at large by the by-laws of the municipality, shall be liable for any damage done by such animal, although the fence enclosing the premises was not of the height required by such by-laws. R. S. O. 1877, c. 195, s. 2.

3. If not previously replevied, the pound-keeper shall impound any horse, bull, ox, cow, sheep, goat, pig, or other cattle, geese or other poultry, distrained for unlawfully running at large, or for trespassing and doing damage, delivered to him for that purpose by any person resident within his division who has distrained the same; or if the owner of geese or other poultry refuses or neglects to prevent the same from trespassing on his neighbors' premises after a notice in writing has been served upon him of their trespass, then the owner of such poultry may be brought before any Justice of the Peace and fined such sum as the Justice directs. R. S. O. 1877, c. 195, s. 3.

4. When the common pound of the municipality or place wherein a distress has been made is not secure, the pound-keeper may confine the animal in any enclosed place within the limits of the pound-keeper's division within which the distress was made. R. S. O. 1877, c. 195, s. 4.

5. The owner of any animal impounded shall at any time be entitled to his animal, on demand made therefor, without payment of any poundage fees, on giving satisfactory security to the pound-keeper for all costs, damages, and poundage fees that may be established against him, but the person distraining and impounding the animal shall, at the time of the impounding, deposit poundage fees, if such are demanded, and within twenty-four hours thereafter deliver to the pound-keeper duplicate statements in writing of his demands against the owner for damages (if any), not exceeding \$20, done by such animal, exclusive of such poundage fees, and shall also give his written agreement (with surety if required by the pound-keeper) in the form following, or in words to the same effect:

"I (or we, as the case may be) do hereby agree that I (or we) will pay to the owner of the (describing the animal) by me (A. B.) this day impounded, all costs to which the said owner may be put in case the distress by me the said A. B. proves to be illegal, or in case the claim for damages now put in by me the said A. B. fails to be established."

R. S. O. 1877, c. 195, s. 5.

6. In case the animal distrained is a horse, bull, ox, cow, sheep, goat, pig or other cattle, and if the same is distrained by a resident of the municipality for straying within his premises, such person, instead of delivering the animal to a pound-keeper, may retain the animal in his own possession, provided he makes no claim for damages done by the animal, and duly gives the notices hereinafter in that case required of him. R. S. O. 1877, c. 185, s. 6.

7. If the owner is known to him, he shall forthwith give to the owner notice in writing of having taken up the animal. R. S. O. 1877, c. 195, s. 7.