

CHAPTER 68, N. S. STATUTES OF 1880.

An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows :

1. Said society may prefer a complaint before any court or magistrate having jurisdiction for the violation of any law relating to or affecting children under the age of sixteen years, and may aid in bringing the facts before such court or magistrate in any proceedings taken.

2. All magistrates, constables, sheriffs and officers of police, shall, as occasion may require, aid the society, its officers, members and agents, in the enforcement of all laws which now are or may hereafter be enacted, relating to or affecting children, or for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

3. The said society is hereby authorized and empowered to organize branch societies, which shall be under the control and subject to direction of this society, and be governed by any bye-laws made in reference thereto. The branches already formed, as well as the Ladies' Auxiliary Society, shall and are hereby declared to be under the control and management of the parent society.

4. Neither the said society nor any branch thereof shall be responsible for any wrongful act done by any officers, unless the same has been previously authorized or subsequently ratified by said society or its executive committee.

5. The said society shall not be responsible for any debts, liabilities, or acts contracted, done, or committed by any branch or its officers, nor shall any branch society be liable for any debts, liabilities, or acts contracted, done or committed by the parent society, or its officers, or any other branch society or its officers.

6. The members of said society, or any branch thereof, shall not be liable in his, her, or their person, persons, or property for any debts, liabilities, or acts of the society, or any of its officers, beyond double the amount of his, her, or their annual subscription to said society, unless he, she, or they shall have made himself, herself, or themselves, personally responsible for the same.

7. If any person or persons shall be found violating the laws relating to cruelty to animals, which now are, or may hereafter be in force in this Province, and having in his, her, or their possession at the time of his, her, or their arrest any of the animals mentioned in section one, chapter 27, of the Acts of the Dominion of Canada, 33 Vic., and upon which any one of the offences mentioned in said section has been committed; or in case any animal shall be found at large in a helpless or disabled state, the person making such arrest, or finding the animal at large as aforesaid shall use reasonable diligence to give notice to the owner of said animal, and shall take possession of and properly care and provide for such animal or animals, together with the harness and whatever vehicle that may be attached thereto, until the owner thereof shall take charge of the same, provided the owner shall take charge of the same within fourteen days from the date of said arrest or finding; and the person making such arrest or finding the animal as aforesaid shall have a lien on said animal or animals, together with the harness, vehicle, and all appurtenances thereunto, if there should be any, for the expenses of such care and provision, and for any fine and costs that may be imposed upon the offender under said Act, and in case the owner thereof shall neglect or refuse to pay such charges and the fine and costs if any imposed, or if the owner after due enquiry cannot be found within said time, the party making said arrest or finding said animal as aforesaid shall be at liberty to sell said animal or animals, together with the harness, vehicle, and all other appurtenances thereunto, and out of the proceeds shall reimburse himself said charges and said fine and costs, if any, and pay the balance to the owner of said animal, harness, vehicle, or appurtenances. The word "owner"

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