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No. 36 of 1913 (Second Session).

An Act for Restraining Dangerous or Mischievous Animals.

(Assented to , 1913.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1. This Act may be cited as "An Act for Restraining Dangerous and Mischievous Animals."
- 2. On information made on oath before a justice of the peace that the accused owns or has in his possession any cross or dangerous or notoriously breachy or mischievous animal or animals, and that said animal or animals are not confined or restrained in such a manner as to protect the public from injury or loss, such justice may, when the owner of such animal or animals is known, issue a summons directed to such person or persons stating the matter of complaint and requiring such accused person or persons to appear before him at a certain time and place therein stated to answer such complaint, and upon conviction on the evidence of two credible witnesses other than the complainant the justice may make an order, with or without costs, requiring the accused to confine or restrain such animal or animals in such manner as to the justice may appear necessary.
- **3.** Upon default of compliance with such order the justice may, on summary conviction, impose a fine upon such owner or possessor of said animal or animals not exceeding \$50.00 and costs for each offence, and in default of payment thereof commit the offender to the nearest common gaol, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding 30 days, unless such penalty be sooner paid.
- 4. When the owner is not known and no one claims possession of said animal or animals the justice may upon hearing the evidence of two credible witnesses, other than the complainant, make an order authorizing the complainant to deal with said animal or animals as with an estray.
- 5. Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister of Agriculture that horses or cattle having escaped and become wild are doing damage to settlers' crops and stock or endangering life, he may appoint a suitable person to capture, confine or otherwise take the said animals in charge and provide for their disposal.
- 6. This Act shall not apply to organized municipalities nor to localities where *The Pound District Ordinance* is in force.

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