



Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953

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3 Interpretation and supplementary provisions. **E+W**

(1) In this Act—

“agricultural land” means land used as arable, meadow or grazing land, or for the purpose of poultry farming, pig farming, market gardens, allotments, nursery grounds or orchards; and

“livestock” means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, or poultry, and for the purposes of this definition “cattle” means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers or calves, “horses” includes asses and mules, and “poultry” means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese or ducks.

(2) In this Act the expression “the Minister” as respects England and Wales means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and as respects Scotland means the Secretary of State.

(3) The power of the Minister to make orders under subsection (5) of section one of this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument and shall include power, exercisable in the like manner, to vary or revoke any such order.

Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only. A separate version has been created for Scotland only.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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(1) In this Act—

“agricultural land” means land used as arable, meadow or grazing land ^[F1](including woodland that is used for grazing) , or for the purpose of

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poultry farming, pig farming, [^{F2}the raising of game birds,] market gardens, allotments, nursery grounds or orchards; ^{F3}...

[^{F4}“assistance dog” has the meaning given by section 173(1) of the Equality Act 2010;]

[^{F5}“livestock” means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, camelids, ostriches, farmed deer, enclosed game birds or poultry, and for the purposes of this definition “cattle” means bulls, cows, oxen, buffalo, heifers or calves, “horses” includes donkeys and mules, “farmed deer” means deer of any species which are on agricultural land enclosed by a deer-proof barrier and kept by way of business for the primary purpose of meat production, “enclosed game birds” means any pheasant, partridge, grouse (or moor game), black (or heath) game or ptarmigan that are being kept enclosed prior to their release for sporting purposes, and “poultry” means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese or ducks;]

[^{F6}“veterinary surgeon” means a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons, or the supplementary veterinary register, kept under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (c.36).]

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(3) The power of the Minister to make orders under subsection (5) of section one of this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument and shall include power, exercisable in the like manner, to vary or revoke any such order.

[^{F7}(4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend the definitions in subsection (1).]

[^{F8}(5) Regulations under subsection (4) of this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.]

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Textual Amendments

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F6 Words in s. 3(1) inserted (S.) (5.11.2021) by Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 18), ss. 5(2)(e), 7(2)

F7 S. 3(4) inserted (S.) (5.11.2021) by Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 18), ss. 5(3), 7(2)

F8 S. 3(5) inserted (S.) (5.11.2021) by Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 18), ss. 5(4), 7(2)

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