

owners or keepers of such dogs are jointly and severally liable for such damage.

The Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall not be liable for any damages caused by dogs to the property, clothing or body of any person, nor shall the Board be liable for any acts of the Wardens in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

256L. (Damaged Party Choice of Remedies.) The owner of livestock or poultry which has been maimed or killed by a dog shall have his election to proceed under Section 256J or under 256K, but having signified his election by starting proceedings in either mode, he shall not have the other remedy.

256M. (Predatory Dogs and Dogs Under Suspicion.) The Board of County Commissioners and any justice of the peace of the County shall have the power to order the Warden or any county officer to kill any dog known to be a confirmed poultry killer, and any dog killing fowl on three different occasions shall be considered a confirmed poultry killer.

Any Warden or other person who has reason to believe that any dog has been worrying, wounding or killing livestock but which has not been found in the act, may apply to a justice of the peace of the district in which such dog may be, who shall issue a warrant requiring the owner or custodian, if known, to appear before him at a time and place named therein, at which time evidence shall be heard, and if it shall appear that such dog is a livestock or poultry killer, or has committed any of the depredations mentioned in this section, the dog shall be ordered surrendered to such Warden or other officer designated by the justice of the peace to be destroyed in the most humane manner possible.

Provided, however, that any such dog either known to be or suspected as a killer shall be allowed to remain in its owner's possession upon his posting a bond or surety acceptable to the Board or the justice of the peace in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) as a guarantee to the County against any further claims filed as a consequence of damages caused or participated in by said dog.

256N. (Authority for Killing Attacking Dog.) Any person may kill any licensed or unlicensed dog which suddenly assaults him while he is peaceably standing, moving or riding outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper, and any person may kill any dog found out of the enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his immediate care actually in the act of worrying, wounding or killing persons, livestock or fowls.

A police officer, constable or Warden shall have authority to kill any licensed or unlicensed dog which a justice of the peace,