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AN ACT

To prohibit Swine and Goats from running at large in the Town of Victoria; and to prohibit Goats from running at large in the settled Districts of Vancouver Island.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to protect property from the depredations of Swine and Goats running at large in the Town and District of Victoria, and other the settled Districts of Vancouver Island:

Therefore, Be it enacted by the Governor on Her Majesty's behalf by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, as follows:

Unlawful for Swine and Goats to be at large in the Town, and for Goats to be at large in the District of Victoria.

I. That from and after the expiration of fourteen days from the passage and publication of this Act as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for the owners of Swine, Goats and Kids to suffer them to be at large within the limits of the Town of Victoria, and to suffer Goats and Kids to be at large within any of the settled Districts of Vancouver Island; and all such animals as shall be so at large after the said period of fourteen (14) days, shall be considered as trespassing, and may be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

Owners, &c., of Premises to Shoot such Animals when Trespassing.

II. That it shall be lawful for the owner or occupier, and for any servant of, or other person in charge for, or employed by the owner or occupier of land or other premises within the limits of the said Town, to shoot or otherwise wound or kill all Goats and Kids, Swine and Pigs, which shall be found trespassing upon or near to any such land or premises; and no penalty or liability shall be incurred, and no compensation shall be due to the owner or owners of any of said animals by reason of said killing or wounding while trespassing, or because of trespassing on or near, or while escaping from such land or premises.

Police empowered to destroy all such Animals as shall be found Trespassing.

III. That it shall be the duty of the

Commissioner of Police, and he is hereby authorized, to order the Police to kill all and every of the before-mentioned animals which they shall find to be at large on the public streets and roads, and on any public or private property within the limits of the town of Victoria, as well as all Goats and Kids at large in the settled Districts of Vancouver Island; and all Justices of the Peace in the said Districts are also hereby authorized to order the destruction of all Goats and Kids at large in the said Districts. And no Policeman, Constable or other Peace Officer, or any person assisting either of them while acting under the authority of the said Commissioner of Police, or of any such Justice of the Peace, shall incur any liability or penalty by reason of the wounding or killing of any of said animals so trespassing.

Limits of town defined.

IV. That the limits of the town of Victoria shall, for the purposes of this Act, be as follows: Until the passage of some Act incorporating the city of Victoria, the said limits shall be the Electoral limits as now subsisting; and from and after the passage of such Act, the limits aforesaid shall be the same as those of the Municipality.

This Act not to prohibit the keeping of Swine and Goats confined.

V. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit persons from keeping Swine and Goats shut up or confined within suitable buildings or enclosures. Provided further, the keeping of the said animals in the buildings and enclosures mentioned, shall not occasion a nuisance.

This Act to come into effect fourteen days after the passage thereof.

VI. This Act shall take effect fourteen days after the passage and publication thereof, in one of the Newspapers published in Victoria.

Passed the House of Assembly the 10th day of January, 1862.

E. Bowers Doggett,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Passed the Council the 2d day of December, 1861. Amendments of the House of Assembly agreed to the 13th day of January, 1862.

Joseph Porter,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

Received my assent this 15th day of January, A. D. 1862.

JAMES DOUGLAS.