

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing
5 Section 18.1 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/18.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 368.1)
7 Sec. 18.1.

8 (a) The owner or keeper of a dog is liable to a person for
9 all damages caused by the dog pursuing, chasing, ~~worrying,~~
10 wounding, injuring, or killing any sheep, goats, cattle,
11 horses, mules, poultry, ratites, ~~or~~ swine, or companion animals
12 belonging to that person.

13 (b) The dog's owner or keeper may raise as an affirmative
14 defense to a violation of subsection (a) of this Section any of
15 the following:

16 (1) The negligence of the person who owns or is responsible
17 for the injured animal.

18 (2) The provocation of the dog by the injured animal.

19 (Source: P.A. 88-600, eff. 9-1-94.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.