

The Livestock Act

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Livestock Definition

- ▶ Includes: cattle, goats, horses, sheep, swine and game (fallow deer, bison and reindeer)
- ▶ However – **swine and game animals should not be at large (i.e. off the property of their owner).**

Livestock Districts (fence out)

- ▶ An area in which livestock is typically allowed to be at large without any permissions required.
 - ▶ Must also abide by requirements of the *Range Act*.
 - ▶ Some exceptions.
- ▶ Landowners who do not wish to have livestock on their land should fence their property (i.e. “fence out”)
- ▶ The *Livestock Act* does not compel landowners to fence their properties.

Pound Districts (fence in)

- ▶ An area where livestock are typically not allowed to be at large.
- ▶ Owners of livestock should build a fence or other containment method to prevent their livestock from leaving their land (i.e. “fence in”).
- ▶ *Livestock Act* does not compel land owners to fence their properties, but their livestock may be subject to capture if not appropriately contained.

Capture of livestock at large

- ▶ Livestock at large contrary to the Act may be captured by:
 - ▶ A keeper, peace officer, person authorized by the director, the livestock owner or the owner of land on which the livestock is at large.
- ▶ However, livestock at large in a Pound District are not subject to capture if:
 - ▶ The animal's owner is permitted under the *Range Act* to have the animal at large.
 - ▶ The animal is on the land of its owner.
 - ▶ The owner has the permission of the landowner.
- ▶ Permission is required from a landowner to enter their land to capture livestock.

Liability

- ▶ No claim of trespass can be brought by a landowner on unenclosed land outside a Pound District.
- ▶ If livestock are at large in a Pound District, the owner may be liable for trespass by their livestock.
- ▶ If livestock cause damage when they are uncontained (even in a Livestock District), the owner of the livestock may be held liable.
 - ▶ Requires independent legal advice and would need to be pursued through civil litigation.

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