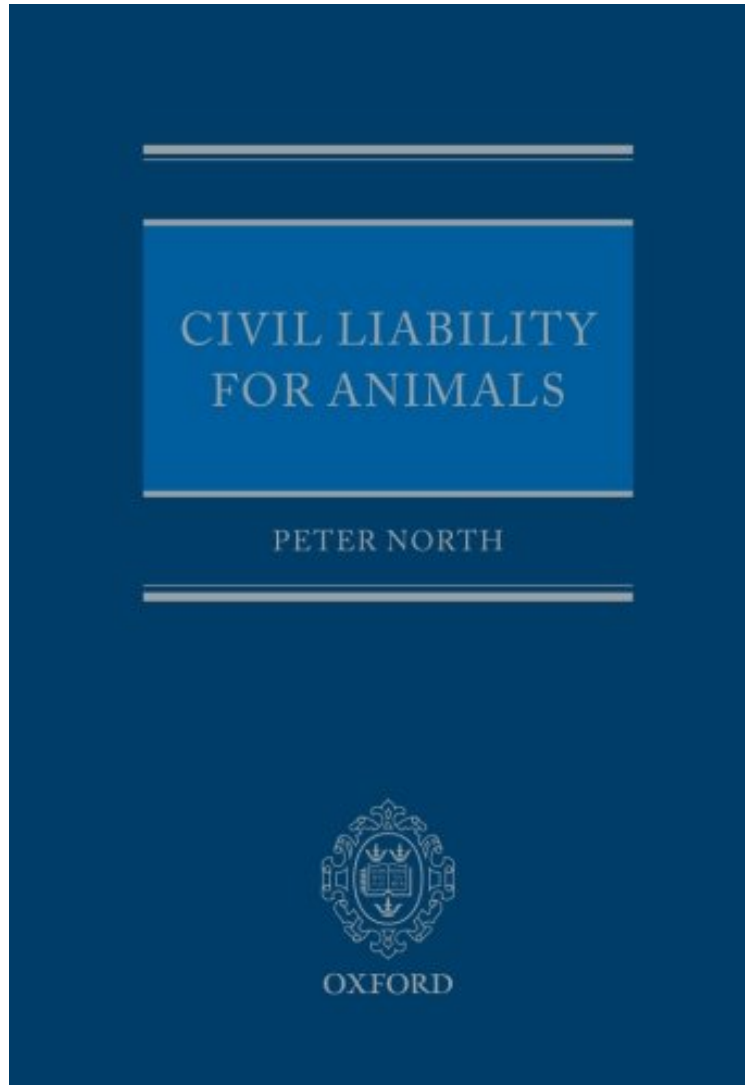


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normally as placid as a pussycat. All this is confirmed and certainly explained in detail by the well known legal scholar, Sir Peter North, in this fascinating legal text recently published by the Oxford University Press. Note that this is the only book available which addresses itself to the harm done by animals (as opposed to the harm done to animals) - and covers both dangerous (the elephant) and non-dangerous (the pussycat) species -- either of which, given the circumstances, can cause harm. The book would therefore be of particular interest to those dealing not only with wild animal cases, but also those cases involving household pets and farm animals. For example, there is a chapter which deals with the special provisions relating to dogs and another on straying livestock. A former Principal of Jesus College and Vice Chancellor, of Oxford University, Sir Peter North refers in his preface to his earlier book on this subject, 'The Modern Law of Animals' published 1971 at the time the Animals Act 1971 was passed. The Act itself as amended is included as an appendix. In the intervening forty years, the Act has generated any number of interesting decisions in the courts which, as is pointed out, 'are now accessible, though not to be found in regular series of Law Reports'. Of particular interest is the matter of liability for animals of a non-dangerous species. This is a clear, analytical and indeed rather compelling work, frequently enlivened by fascinating cases. For your further research, it's copiously footnoted and there are extensive tables of cases and of legislation and of secondary legislation. If you're a practitioner involved with any issues pertaining to liability for animals, (or perhaps you're likely to), this book is to be highly recommended as a must-have purchase for your professional library. The law is stated as at June 2011.

A comprehensive analysis of liability for animals, this book covers harm done by dangerous and straying animals including both dangerous and non-dangerous species. Including a separate chapter on special provisions relating to dogs it provides unique guidance from an internationally renowned legal scholar. The book takes account of the decisions of the courts which have applied, interpreted and explained the Animals Act 1971 over the past four decades including the House of Lords decision in *Mirvahedy v Henley* (2003). Liability for animals which are not members of a dangerous species but which, in the event, may have been proved to be dangerous is a matter of particular interest and concern. The book addresses matters such as harm done by animals in the course of hunting as well as decisions on a number of non-statutory aspects of the law of animals. The book includes the primary material of the Animals Act, 1971 making it a comprehensive point of reference on this subject. An earlier version of this book was published in 1972 just after the Animals Act 1971 came into force. Although the legislation has remained substantially unamended, there has been a steady flow of case law on the meaning and operation of the provisions of the Act.

This is a clear, analytical and indeed rather compelling work, frequently enlivened by fascinating cases. \* Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor, Richmond Green Chambers \* North should be the first source for any practitioner with a case on liability for animals. The book is exhaustive, authoritative, a model of clarity and elegantly written. \* WVH Rogers, School of Law, University of Nottingham \* The commentary is written in a succinct and accessible style. Many readers will be struck by the profusion of case law that has sprung up in this area - to which North does full justice. \* Commonwealth Lawyers' Association and Contributors 2012. \*About the Author Sir Peter North, Formerly Principal of Jesus College, University of Oxford, is the Editor of *Cheshire North Fawcett: Private International Law* (OUP, 2008) and an internationally renowned legal scholar.