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CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT to amend 174.11 (1) of the statutes, relating to claims for damage by dogs.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

174.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

174.11 (1) The owner of any domestic animals (including poultry) attacked, chased, worried, injured or killed by a dog or dogs may within ten days *in counties of a population of 500,000 or more and in other counties within 2* days after the owner shall have knowledge or notice thereof, file a written claim for damages with the clerk of the town, village or city in which the damage occurred. The form of such claim may be prescribed by the state department of agriculture. Upon presentation of such claim the supervisors of the town, the board of trustees of the village, or the common council of the city, or a committee appointed for that purpose by the supervisors, the board of trustees or the common council shall promptly investigate said claim and may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and take testimony relative thereto and shall within 30 days after the filing of said claim make, certify and return to the county clerk said claim, a report of the investigation, the testimony taken and the amount of damages suffered by the owner of said animals, together with the assessed valuation of same as shown on the last assessor's blotter or record for personal property assessments or if there be none, then the assessed value of similar animals on such blotter or record.

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