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## CHAPTER 188

**The Injured Animals Act**

**1.** Where an inspector of an incorporated humane society or society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or a constable finds a horse so severely injured that it would in his opinion be cruel to allow the horse to live, he shall, if the owner refuses to consent to the destruction of the animal, or is absent, at once summon a veterinary surgeon, if a surgeon resides or can be found within a reasonable distance, or, if no surgeon can be obtained, then two reputable citizens, and, if it appears by the certificate of the surgeon or by a statement signed by the two citizens that the animal is, or appears to be, incapable of being so cured or healed as to live thereafter without suffering, it is lawful for the inspector or constable, without the consent of the owner, to kill or cause to be killed the animal with such instrument or instruments or appliances and with such precautions and in such a manner as to inflict as little pain and suffering as possible. R.S.O. 1950, c. 181, s. 1.

Duty of constable or inspector where horse is found severely injured

**2.** If a horse is abandoned or left to die in a street, road, commons or public place, it is the duty of an inspector or a constable as mentioned in section 1 to make a reasonable attempt to ascertain the owner of the animal and, if the owner cannot be found, or, if found, refuses to give his consent to the killing of the horse, the inspector or constable shall proceed in the manner set forth in section 1. R.S.O. 1950, c. 181, s. 2.

Where horse is abandoned

**3.** Where a large animal, such as a horse, cow, sheep or hog, is severely injured by a railway engine or train, the conductor of the train shall report the occurrence to the nearest station agent of the railway, who shall forthwith notify the owner, if possible, and the nearest constable, who shall proceed as provided by section 1. R.S.O. 1950, c. 181, s. 3.

Animals injured by railway trains

