

ENROLLED ACT NO. 32, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2002 SPECIAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to game and fish; conforming provisions pertaining to dogs running or threatening big game animals; providing for the arrest and citation of owners of dogs harassing big game animals as specified; providing for owner notification; imposing penalties; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 11-31-301(d) and 23-3-109(b) and by creating a new subsection (c) are amended to read:

11-31-301. Public nuisance; notice; penalties; rules and regulations; animal control districts and officers.

(d) ~~A dog in the act of running or injuring big game animals may be killed by a county sheriff, his deputy or any other peace officer.~~ A dog injuring or killing livestock may be killed by the owner of the livestock or his agent or any peace officer.

23-3-109. Use of dogs; dogs injuring big or trophy game animals may be killed; citation of owners of dogs harassing game animals; penalties.

(b) In cases where big game animals have been injured or are being threatened with immediate injury by dogs, ~~the game warden~~ a peace officer may kill such dog or dogs where the vicious character of the dog or dogs is manifest. A peace officer killing a dog pursuant to this subsection shall make reasonable efforts to ascertain the ownership of the dog and inform the owner of the dog's death and the circumstances surrounding the death. Any peace officer who kills a dog pursuant to this subsection or has received a report that a dog has been killed shall file a report with

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his employing agency within twenty-four (24) hours of his action or of receiving a report.

(c) A peace officer may arrest or issue a summons to the owner of any dog injuring or threatening a big game animal with immediate injury, unless the dog has been trained, and was attempting, to protect livestock. A first conviction under this subsection is punishable by a fine imposed for an 11th degree misdemeanor. A second and each subsequent conviction under this subsection is punishable by a fine and imprisonment imposed for a 10th degree misdemeanor.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2002.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____
DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk