

**ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 248 of 1879**

**433.54 Demand and claim by owner of seized or impounded animal; payment of fees, expenses, and compensation.**

Sec. 4. The owner of any animal which shall have been seized or impounded under and pursuant to the foregoing provisions, may at any time before the making of the complaint hereinbefore provided for, demand and shall be entitled to the possession of such animal upon the payment to the pound-master or the person in charge of such pound, if such animal shall have been impounded, and if not, then upon payment to the person or officer who shall have seized or taken such animals into his or her possession, the fees provided for in the preceding sections for the seizure of such animal; and if such animal shall have been impounded, the farther fee of 50 cents for every horse, mule, colt, cow, calf, or other cattle, and 25 cents for every goat, sheep, or swine, which fee shall belong to such pound-master or person in charge of such pound, and the farther sum of 1 dollar per day as compensation for keeping every such horse, mule, or colt, and 75 cents per day for every cow, calf, or other cattle, and 50 cents per day for every goat, sheep, or swine for each day since and including the day such animal was seized, impounded, or taken into possession as aforesaid. At any time after the making of the complaint and before the sale of the animal, the owner thereof may make demand and claim for such animal before the district court or municipal court at which the proceedings shall have been commenced; and upon making satisfactory proof of ownership of the animal and upon paying the fees and compensation for keeping such animal as provided for in this section, and other fees and expenses that shall have accrued up to the time of making such demand and proof, he or she shall be entitled to the custody and possession of such animal. The court shall fix and determine the amount of the fees, expenses, and compensation in accordance with the provisions of this act, and shall pay the same to the officer or person entitled thereto.

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