

CHAPTER 346

ANIMALS; ESTRAYS, DAMAGE, CRUELTY

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Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1989 c 55 s 3]

Subd. 2. **Liability for damages.** A person who without permission releases an animal lawfully confined for science, research, commerce, or education is liable: (1) to the owner of the animal for damages, including the costs of restoring the animal to confinement and to its health condition prior to release; and (2) for damage to personal and real property caused by the released animal. If the release causes the failure of an experiment, the person is liable for all costs of repeating the experiment, including replacement of the animals, labor, and materials.

History: 1989 c 55 s 1