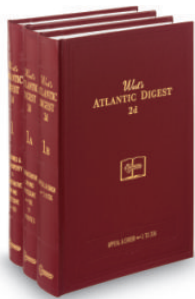


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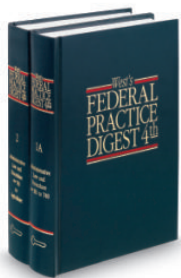
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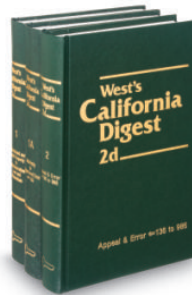
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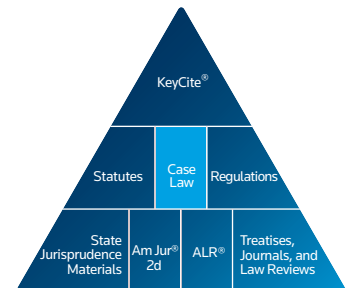


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49. — Statutory regulations in general.

Wash. 1981. Phrase "at large" as used in statute making it a misdemeanor for an owner to permit cattle to run at large and not under the care of a herder encompasses a public road. West's RCWA 16.13.010.

State v. Dear, 638 P.2d 85, 96 Wash.2d 652.

Under its generally accepted meaning, term "at large" when used in a statute with regard to livestock includes animals on the highways as well as on the property of others. West's RCWA 16.13.010.

State v. Dear, 638 P.2d 85, 96 Wash.2d 652.

Under statute making it a misdemeanor for an owner to permit cattle to run at large and not under the care of a herder it is the manifest intent of the law that, if cattle are not fenced in, they shall at all times be attended by a herder when they are at large. West's RCWA 16.13.010.

State v. Dear, 638 P.2d 85, 96 Wash.2d 652.

Statute making it a misdemeanor for an owner to permit cattle to run at large and not under care of a herder generally implies knowledge, consent or willingness on part of the owner that the animals be at large or such negligent conduct as is equivalent thereto. West's RCWA 16.13.010.

State v. Dear, 638 P.2d 85, 96 Wash.2d 652.

Statute making it a misdemeanor for an owner to permit cattle to run at large and not under care of a herder must be strictly construed and, hence, liberal interpretation accorded a comparable statute in negligence cases, for benefit of injured persons, should not be adopted where criminal penalties are sought. West's RCWA 16.13.010, 16.24.070.

State v. Dear, 638 P.2d 85, 96 Wash.2d 652.

Wash. 1975. Statute, which, relative to horses, places duty on owner, and no one else, to keep animals from running at large does not conflict with and does not amend herd law statute which makes it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any livestock to graze or stray upon any portion of right-of-way of any public highway within any stock-restricted area despite contention that subsequent passage of statute relative to horses amended herd law which applies to all livestock. RCWA 16.13.010 et seq., 16.24.010 et seq., 16.24.070.

Misterek v. Washington Mineral Products, Inc., 531 P.2d 805, 85 Wash.2d 166.

Wash. 1909. Statute prohibiting livestock running at large in certain counties was valid. Laws 1907, p. 566, c. 230.

State v. Storey, 99 P. 878, 51 Wash. 630.

† This Case was not selected for publication in the National Reporter System. For legislative history of cited statutes, see Revised Code of Washington Annotated

50. — Stock laws.

50(1). In general.

Wash. 1914. Under Laws 1911, c. 25, §§ 1, 3, relating to orders by county commissioners, prohibiting live stock from running at large, the county commissioners' order is not final until required publication has been made and until then they may revoke their action. State v. Virnig, 137 P. 1039, 77 Wash. 502.

50(2). Adoption of stock laws.

Wash. 1954. Owner of cattle was obligated by statute to keep his cattle off adjoining land of another located in a herd law district, even though such land was not fenced, and owner of cattle which strayed onto such land was liable to owner of land for reasonable value of use and occupation thereof. RCW 16.24.070.

MacKenzie-Richardson, Inc. v. Allert, 272 P.2d 146, 45 Wash.2d 1.

50(3)-52. For other cases see the Decennial Digests and WESTLAW.

53. — Injuries by animals at large.

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MacKenzie-Richardson, Inc. v. Allert, 272 P.2d 146, 45 Wash.2d 1.

54. — Persons liable for injuries.

Wash.App. Div. 3 1987. Although owner of pit bulls was negligent in allowing them to run loose, humane society, which had been contractually delegated authority to enforce animal regulations of city's ordinance, could be liable for its later negligence, if any, in failing to apprehend the pit bulls.

Champagne v. Spokane Humane Soc., 737 P.2d 1279, 47 Wash.App. 887, review denied 108 Wash.2d 1035.

55. — Actions.

Wash.App. Div. 3 1976. Presence of an animal at large on a highway is not sufficient to warrant application of doctrine of res ipsa loquitur.

Brauner v. Peterson, 557 P.2d 359, 16 Wash.App. 531.

56. — Penalties for violations of regulations.

For other cases see the Decennial Digests and WESTLAW.

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Figure 1. Headnote paragraphs in West's Washington Digest 2d

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