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To Maine State Police
Re: Injury to Dog

Section 87 of Chapter 29, R. S. 1930, as amended, provides for punishment of an operator of a motor vehicle who

" . . . goes away without stopping and making himself known after causing injury to any person or property. . . ."

The question is whether a dog is property within the terms of the above statute.

Our Court has held that a dog is property for an injury to which an action will lie. Chapman v. Decrow, 93 Me. 378.

I therefore advise you that an operator of a motor vehicle injuring a dog must obey the provisions of Section 87, as amended.

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