

# Livestock Liability Legislation

Below is some information regarding the postage of signs in regards to the livestock liability legislation passed in 1997. Included is the wording needed for signs and a few excerpts from that legislation.

The notice shall appear in black letters a minimum of one inch high and in the following form:

**WARNING**

**UNDER IOWA LAW, A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY, AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 673. YOU ARE ASSUMING INHERENT RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITY.**

Each county may print a sign. In addition, the Iowa Horse Council is selling 18 x 24 aluminum preprinted signs @ \$10 each to members and \$15 each to non-members plus \$5 for shipping. Contact: Jeff Kuehl, 515-232-4604. The Iowa State Fair also has signs for sale for \$22, 515-262-3111 ext. 272-print shop.

#### 4 5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 672 LIABILITY.

A person, including a domesticated animal professional, domesticated animal activity sponsor, the owner of the domesticated animal, or a person exhibiting the domesticated animal, is not liable for the damages, injury, or death suffered by a participant or spectator resulting from the inherent risks of a domesticated animal activity. This section shall not apply to the extent that the claim for damages, injury, or death is caused by any of the following:

#### 4 35 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 673.3 NOTICE REQUIRED.

A domesticated animal professional shall post and maintain a sign on real property in which the professional holds an interest, if the professional conducts domesticated animal activities on the property. The location of the sign may be near or on a stable, corral, or arena owned or controlled by the domesticated animal professional. The sign must be clearly visible to a participant. The section does not require a sign to be posted on a domesticated animal or a vehicle powered by a domesticated animal. The notice shall appear in black letters a minimum of one inch high and in the following form:

For the complete legislation wording, go to  
[http://www.iowahorsecouncil.org/iowa\\_code.htm](http://www.iowahorsecouncil.org/iowa_code.htm)