

## **Dog Control Orders**

We have introduced new Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 which came into force on the 27th July 2009.

### **Penalty**

The penalty on conviction for an offence is a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (maximum £1,000). However an authorised officer who has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence may give that person notice offering him the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty. The penalty will be set at £80 with a discounted sum of £50 if paid within 10 days.

The Council will not hesitate to prosecute anyone who fails to pay a fixed Penalty. The Dog Control Officer is authorised to issue fixed penalty notices, as are the Council's Community Safety Wardens, Environmental Protection Officers and Park Wardens.

If you would like to report a stray or lost dog, make a complaint or enquire about any of the dog control services please contact the Council during normal office hours. Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm, on (01788) 533857.

In addition if you know somebody that allows their dog to foul or who contravenes any of the orders mentioned please contact us and request a Dog Control Report Form. This form can also be used to report problem areas. Every month the reports are used to identify priority patrol areas across the Borough.

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#### **Order one - The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Borough of Rugby) Order**

The effect of this order is that if a dog defecates at any time on the land listed in the order, which includes most public land, and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land, that person will be guilty of an offence. There will be exemptions for blind persons with guide dogs and disabled persons using trained assistance dogs.

#### **Order two - The Dogs on Leads (Borough of Rugby) Order**

A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if he does not have his dog on a lead in certain designated areas. In a nutshell, this is where there are public roads, Council-owned cemeteries and Caldecott Park.

#### **Order three - The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Borough of Rugby) Order**

The effect of this order is that a person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time, he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer to put and keep the dog on a lead. This order applies to the whole Borough.

#### **Order four - The Dogs Exclusion (Borough of Rugby) Order**

If an owner takes a dog into a designated area where dogs are excluded he will be guilty of an offence. Designated areas are all enclosed childrens' play areas and Warwickshire County Council controlled schools.