

New laws about dogs in Northampton



Northampton Borough Council will soon be adopting new powers that apply to dog owners.

Dog owners will be required to:

- Clear up when a dog has fouled
- Keep dogs on a lead in some areas
- Keep dogs out of some areas
- Limit the number of dogs being handled by one person
- Put dogs on a lead when requested to do so if they are thought to be out of control

Order four - Limiting the number of dogs being handled by one person

This order would look at limiting the number of dogs being handled by one person. The number we are thinking of is six. This would apply to areas where the public have a right of access with or without payment.

Order five - Putting dogs on a lead if requested to do so by a council animal welfare officer

This order would give animal welfare officers the power to request that a dog be put on a lead if a dog is considered to be out of control. This would apply to areas where the public have a right of access with or without payment.

Dog control orders information boards:

31 March - 7 April	Duston Library
8 April - 14 April	Hunsbury Library Wootton Fields Library
15 April - 21 April	Weston Favell Library Kingsthorpe Library
21 April - 2 May	Central Library
22 April - 2 May	Guildhall foyer

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Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments on the proposed Dog Control Orders
Please return by 16th May 2008

Name _____ Date _____

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Comments or suggestions _____



Why are there going to be new laws?

There are already a number of laws that apply to dog owners in Northampton. These are outdated and cumbersome. New national laws in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 allow Northampton Borough Council to describe specific land where the dog control orders could apply.

If an offence were committed the council would have the option to serve a fixed-penalty notice or prosecute the offender.

Can members of the public make suggestions on the proposed orders?

The council would value your views on the orders two to five.

Please cut off the attached FREEPOST slip with your suggestions and comments.

Order one, the dog fouling law, has already gone through the consultation phase as it does not differ very much from the law that is already in existence.

The dog fouling order will apply to all land which is open to the air and to which the public is entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) in Northampton.

Where are we proposing the new laws would apply?

We have listed each law with our proposals which will be updated after we have received suggestions from members of the public. The council will then put these forward for full consultation before they become law by the end of 2008.

What are the four remaining proposed new dog control laws?

The four remaining new proposed dog control orders are:

- Keeping dogs out of some areas
- Keeping dogs on leads in some areas
- Limiting the number of dogs being handled by one person
- Putting dogs on leads if requested to do so

Don't forget to let us have any comments or suggestions you may have.

Order two - Keeping dogs out of some areas

This order would look at prohibiting people taking a dog onto certain areas. Locations likely to be included are all public enclosed:

- Children's play areas
- Multi-use sports areas
- Tennis courts, bowling greens, skate board sites and basket ball pitches

Order three - Keeping dogs on leads in some areas

This order would require people in control of a dog to keep it on a lead in certain areas. Locations likely to be included are:

- All cemeteries
- Abington Upper Park
- Delapre Abbey walled garden

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