

Dog Control Orders

A Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership

Most dog owners are responsible, clean up and are considerate to other members of the public. A Dog Control Order will not affect responsible dog owners, but provides the Council with the authority to tackle irresponsible dog handlers.

Irresponsible Dog Ownership

Dog Control Orders provide a mechanism to help stop the few people that do not cleanup and allow their dog to roam without any consideration for others.

Dog Control Orders allow Designated Officers to target handlers who fail to comply with the Order.

Southend on Sea has local Dog Control Orders to promote responsible dog ownership. The Order provides for the following –

To clean up after a dog

Limiting number of dogs under the control of one person

Keeping dogs on leads along all highways, pedestrian areas, listed gardens

Authority to instruct dog(s) being put and kept on leads (max 6' lead)

To exclude dogs from a few areas

Cleaning up dog mess

All land that is used by the public have the requirement to clean up after a dog, this includes:

- All roads, Footpaths, verges, walkways and passageways
- Parks and Gardens
- Recreation and Sports Grounds
- Open green areas
- Car Parks
- Beaches and promenades

In essence all land that the public has access to is designated for removal of dog fouling

When a dog under your control fouls, it is your responsibility to clean up the mess. Please use the Dog Bins provided, or take home and put in your black sack

Limiting Number of Dogs being walked

A limit of walking no more than 4 dogs is in place to ensure that dogs are kept under control by the handler.

Dogs on Leads

Dogs must be kept on a lead along all pedestrian areas and roads. Dogs should also be kept on leads in Formal Gardens, Cemeteries, Church Yards, Bowling Greens and Car Parks.

Putting a Dog on a Lead when requested to do so

Designated Officers can instruct a dog handler to put and keep their dog on a lead, if they feel there are reasonable grounds to do so i.e. a dog is acting aggressively, or causing nuisance or concern to others.

Dog Exclusion Areas

Dogs are excluded from certain areas; these areas are used by families and exclusions are due to potential health and safety reasons.

All children's play areas

Formal Gardens

- Priors Park Foundation area Walled Garden
- Centenary Garden
- Churchill Gardens

Sports Grounds

- Belfairs Park Tennis Courts
- Bonchurch Park Tennis Courts
- Chalkwell Park Tennis courts
- Cavendish Park Tennis and Basketball Courts
- Cluny Square Fenced Football Pitch
- Priors Park Tennis Courts
- Southchurch Park Tennis Courts
- Shoebury Park Tennis Courts
- Warners Park – All-weather Pitch
- Milton Road Gardens Tennis Courts

Exclusion Zones – Part Year

Beaches

Within the period of 1st of May and 30th September dogs are excluded from all beaches

Helpful Hints

Poop Scoop bags can be purchased from most pet stores or any plastic bag can be used.

Please keep dogs on leads along all roads to prevent accidents

All dogs must wear identity discs to assist in reuniting stray dogs with their owners

Not everyone enjoys a dogs company, so please be mindful of others while exercising your dog