DOG Byelaws Byelaws Housing Estates



Control of dogs on housing estates

This leaflet explains the byelaws which deal with the control of dogs. It covers the most common matters that concern residents and dog owners. The dog byelaws aim to meet the needs of residents and it is hoped that these measures will help create a better environment on the estate for everybody.

Most dog owners take a responsible attitude towards looking after their pet and keeping it under proper control. But there is a minority of people who allow their dogs to roam freely, foul estate areas, intimidate others with their dog or act in an anti-social manner. In addition, land contaminated by dog fouling is a source of disease, with children particularly at risk.

Leases and tenancy conditions

New lease regulations and tenancy agreements applying to residents living in council managed properties became effective on 5 January 2009. The revised conditions state that:

You, your friends, relatives, visitors and any other person living in the property, including children, must not do any of the following:

- Keep a dog at the property without first obtaining our written permission, which will not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or withdrawn. If permission is given, it will be on condition that the dog is micro-chipped and relevant owner details recorded and kept up to date.
- Keep a dog which is unsuitable or dangerous.
- Cause a nuisance by breeding dog(s) at the property.
- Allow any dog to cause a nuisance to anyone in the local area, including employees, agents or contractors.
- Allow animals to foul in the communal areas of the property or on footpaths or in play areas in the local area.
- You must remove and dispose of dog faeces hygienically.
- Allow your property to become unhygienic as a result of keeping a dog.

If your dog(s) causes a nuisance we will ask you to remove it from the property.

If you live on an estate where the dog byelaws are in force you must keep to the rules of the scheme.

These rules apply to all members of your household and visitors. Full details can be found in your tenancy conditions or lease agreement.

If you are in breach of your tenancy conditions or lease, the council may take legal action. In certain cases this could lead to the loss of your home.

Other points to remember

Your dog is required by law to wear a collar and identity tag which gives your name and address. If your dog is picked up as a stray, you may have to pay a charge for its return.

Dog control service

Your estate is patrolled by the council's uniformed dog control officers. They have the power to prosecute dog owners who allow their dogs to go into "no dog areas", or foul the estate or who do not keep their dogs under proper control. You can contact the dog control service for help and advice about the control of dogs and dog byelaws. The dog control service patrols estates during the day and evenings and also at weekends. They can be contacted on (020) 8871 7606.

Dog byelaws - frequently asked questions

On which areas of the estate are dogs banned?

"No Dogs Allowed" areas, such as playgrounds, amenity greens, cultivated areas and drying areas.

On which parts of the estate can a dog be walked?

- (a) "Dog Fouling Prohibited" areas, which include paths and footpaths, parking spaces and other hard surfaces.
- (b) Estate roads.

On which part of the estate can a dog be walked but not allowed to foul?

"Dog Fouling Prohibited" areas as in Question 2(a) above. These include paths and footpaths, parking spaces and other hard surfaces.

Do the byelaws require a dog to be kept on a lead?

Yes. Your dog must be kept on a lead to prevent it from causing annoyance while in "Dog Fouling Prohibited" areas.

What are the penalties for breaking the byelaws?

Any person who breaks the byelaws will be liable to a maximum penalty fine of £500. This is for the following offences:

- 1. Allowing a dog into a "No Dogs Allowed" area.
- 2. Allowing a dog to foul in a "Dog Fouling Prohibited" area.
- 3. Not having a dog on a lead and causing a nuisance.

Who will be prosecuted under the byelaws?

"The Keeper" of the dog. This will either be the owner, or someone who has the animal in their possession.

Are there special provisions for blind people?

A registered blind person cannot be prosecuted for an offence under the byelaws.

Are there any byelaws already in existence in respect of dogs?

From summer 2009 Dog Control Orders will apply to all areas of the borough that are not part of a housing estate. If your dog fouls in one of those areas then you must remove your dog's mess and dispose of it in an appropriate bin.

Where can dogs be exercised?

On estate roads, paths and public highways, but they are not allowed to foul paths or footways. In addition, dogs can be freely exercised on public open spaces; many of which are near to housing estates.

Who will enforce the byelaws?

The council's unformed dog control officers, however all council officers are authorised to enforce the dog byelaws.

How will I know where the byelaws are in force?

Signs have been erected around estates which show how the byelaws operate.

Do I have to micro-chip and register my dog?

Yes. Residents living in council managed properties (tenants, leaseholders or sub-lessees) MUST have their dog micro-chipped and registered, effective from 5 January 2009. If you fail to do this you will be in breach of your tenancy conditions or lease agreement and enforcement action may be taken.

Responsible dog ownership - some guidance

- Having a dog is a long-term commitment
- Register your dog with a reputable vet
- Make sure that your dog is regularly wormed and vaccinated
- Keep your dog clean and healthy and check your dog regularly for fleas
- Consider neutering dogs and bitches to prevent unwanted puppies
- Feed your dog regularly on a healthy diet
- Provide your dog with a plentiful supply of fresh water
- Be familiar with all the relevant dog laws, including making sure your dog is wearing a collar with the name and address of the owner
- Ensure your dog is micro-chipped which is a quick painless and permanent means of identifying your dog
- Train your dog to at least a basic level of obedience, keep it on a lead and under proper control
- Always carry a poop scoop whenever you exercise your dog
- Do not leave your dog on its own for long periods of time, constant barking may cause distress to your neighbours
- Never leave a dog in a car for long periods, especially in hot weather
- Remember that your dog is not a status symbol, fashion accessory or toy, you cannot abandon it when you get fed up with it

For further advice contact the council's Dog Control Service (020) 8871 7606

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs

Estates where the byelaws apply

<u>Aboyne</u> Ackroydon – East Ackroydon - West Aldrington North Aldrington South Alfred Butt House **Althorpe Mews** Alton Anderson House Argyle (Limpsfield Ave) (1-13 odd) Houses Argyle – Esher Argyle – Glen Albyn Argyle - Limpsfield Argyle - Smithwood Argyle – Winterfold Arndale Ashburton – Chartfield Ashburton – South **Ashley Crescent** Auckland

Badric Court Balham Hill East Balham Hill West Barloch House **Battersea High Street** Battersea Park **Bellamy House Bevill Allen Close Boothby-Adams Breasley Close** Brocklebank Burney House Burtop Road – Maskell Rd (2-146 even) Burtop Road, Garratt Lane (562-630 even) Burtop Road, Siward Rd (3-83 odd) Carey Gardens Carminia Road (1-5 odd) **Chatham Road West**

Clarence Lane

Colson Way Convent Co-op Copeland House Culvert Road (38-46 even)

Doddington – East Doddington – West Doris Emmerton Court

East Hill
Eastwood North
Eastwood South
Edgecombe Hall
Elmfield Road
Ethelburga
Evenwood Close

Fairfield Drive
Falcon
Fayland
Felsham Road
Fitzhugh
Florys/Augustus
Flowersmead
Fontenoy Road (13-21 odd)
Frimley Close

Galgate Close
Galleons
Garratt Lane Estate
Garton Place
Geraldine Rd (86-100 even)
Goulden House
Gravenal Gardens
Gressenhall

Hanford Close Harling Court Harwood Court Hazelhurst Henry Prince Hibbert Street Hill Lodge Holborn Estate Kambala
Kersfield Road
Larch Close
Lennox
Lochinvar
Longley Road
Longstaff
Lurline Gardens

Maysoule Road McCarthy Court Melody Road Estate Melody Road (95-121) Milner House Morris Gardens

Newlands Newnes Path Nursery Close

Oaklands Oldfield House Oldridge Road Orchard

Patmore – East
Patmore – West
Portinscale East
Portinscale West
Powrie House
Princes Way (59)
Putney Vale
Queensmere
Rambler Close
Ranelagh
Robertson Street
Roehampton
Rollo
Rowditch Lane (1-84, cons)
Ryde Vale

Savona Savona Street (10-16 even) Skelbrooke Street Smallwood North
Smallwood South
Somerset
Southlands
Southmead
St James Grove
St Margaret's Court
Stephen Court
Streatham Park
Summerley Street
Sunbury Lane (39-49 cons)
Surrey Lane
Sutherland Grove

The Alders
The Green House
The Platt
Tooting Grove
Totteridge House
Tyneham Close

Ullathorne Rd (24FA-FF)

Victoria Drive Wayford Street Wayland Road Wendelsworth West Hill Rd (95-105a odd) Wheeler Court Wilberforce Wilditch William Willison Wimbledon Park Wimbledon Park Road (23-27D odd) Winstanley **Woking Close** Wvcliffe Wynter Street Estate Wynter Street (houses)

York Road 1

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English

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Portuguese

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