

Control of Dogs

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Licences:

Every dog needs a licence which needs to be renewed each year at a cost of €12.70 and can be bought from the post office or county council.

If your dog doesn't have a licence the dog warden can issue a fine for €30 which if left unpaid will result in a court appearance.

Keeping your pet under control:

Dogs must be kept under control at all times. All dogs must be accompanied and either kept on a lead or trained to heel - remain next to the person walking the dog at all times.

If your dog is not kept under control or is out alone the warden can issue you a fine.

Report stray or wandering dogs:

The dog warden will collect stray dogs and bring them to the councils pound. If there are strays in your area please contact the control of dogs section. The councils pound will keep the strays for 5 days. If the owner has not been found by then the pound will endeavour to re-home the animal.

Re-home a dog:

If you are interested in re-homing a dog you can contact the council pound . Not enough animals are re-homed and we need your help to ensure healthy animals are given new homes.

Find a lost dog:

If you have lost your dog, you can contact the pound or our offices in county hall to enquire if we have collected your dog.

Spaying / Neutering:

Every year in Ireland around 30,000 unwanted puppies have to be put to sleep.

Spaying and neutering are the surgical procedures used to stop dogs from having puppies. These procedures also reduce the risk of your pet contracting life threatening diseases. Your local vet can perform the procedure and your dog will be fully recovered in two weeks.

Micro-chipping:

Micro-chipping is a simple way to make sure your dog can be identified if it is separated from you. Most vets can insert the micro-chip.

Your dog must also always wear a collar and an I.D. tag with a contact phone number for its owner.

Dog Fouling:

It is against the law not to clean up after your dog. The fine for this offence is €150. The council no longer provide "pooper scoopers" to the public, however, "nappy sacks", available from many shops for a very low price, are ideal for cleaning up after your dog.

Muzzling:

The following types dogs must be muzzled at all times when out in the public:

- * American Pit Bull Terrier
- * Bull Mastiff
- * Dobermann Pinscher
- * English Bull Terrier
- * German Shepherd (Alsatian)
- * Japanese Akita
- * Japanese Tosa
- * Rhodesian Ridgeback
- * Rottweiler
- * Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- * Every dog commonly known as a Ban Dog (or Bandog)
- * Every other strain of cross of every breed or type of dog listed above

A person shall not permit a restricted breed to be in a public place unless the dog is being led by means of a sufficiently strong chain or leash, not exceeding two metres in length, by a person over the age of sixteen years who is capable of controlling the dog.

You shall not permit a restricted breed to be in a public place unless the dog is securely muzzled.

BARKING DOGS:

Excessive barking which causes a nuisance to any person is an offence. You can take a complaint about excessive barking to the District Court.

Bye-Laws:

Under the parks bye-laws it is an offence for a dog to be off the lead in parks in the county except Killiney hill park. Under the beach bye-laws it is an offence for dogs Corbawn, Killiney and Seapoint beaches between the hours of 10:30am and 7pm from the 1st of June to the 30th of September each year. Guide dogs are exempt from the bye-laws.