



# Good Dog Guide

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## Please remember...

- All dogs must be under proper control at all times, preferably within a few yards of the owner or the person in charge. If in doubt, keep your dog on a lead.
- Do not let your dog stray. It could cause a road traffic accident where you could be held responsible. It could also attack people or other animals. Are you insured?
- Unnecessary noise can be a nuisance. A continually barking dog can ruin a quiet day or a night's sleep and may result in prosecution.
- Do not let your dog foul public areas. If it does, clear up the mess and deposit it in the bins provided or take it home to dispose. Worm adult dogs at least every six months.
- Show consideration for others in public places. Not everybody likes dogs, so do not let your dog approach other people or dogs unless invited.
- Do not let your dog disturb wildlife. Many of the plants and animals are protected or are rare species.
- All dogs in public must have an identification tag showing the name and address of owner – even if it is microchipped or tattooed.
- Do not leave your dog alone in a car or outside a shop.
- Ensure your dog is vaccinated against Parvovirus, Hepatitis, Distemper and Leptospirosis. Remember, a yearly booster is required.
- All dogs require training. It is never too late to start. Your vet could recommend a training club or contact the Animal Warden for advice.



## Did you know?

- Identification – From April 2016 all dogs and puppies must be microchipped with up to date keepers details (with a few exceptions) The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014
- Collars – The owner or person in charge can be fined an unlimited amount if a dog is not wearing a collar showing the owner's name and address when out on a highway or in a public place. (Control of Dogs Order 1992)
- Fouling – You can be fined a fixed penalty fine of £50 for failing to immediately clear up dog faeces. Further penalties can be a fine of up to £1,000 and a criminal record. (Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996)
- Strays – You are charged for kennelling and other expenses if your dog is seized as a stray. (Environmental Protection Act 1990) .
- Noise – You can be fined up to £5,000 for allowing your dog to become excessively noisy. (Environmental Protection Act 1990)
- Keeping dogs under proper control – Allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place or in the home is a criminal offence and the owner or any person in charge of the dog at the time are liable. The courts have powers to order the destruction of the dog and sentence the owner to a fine or imprisonment.

**If you witness an offence being committed and can identify the owner, please contact your local Animal Warden:**

**See contact details on reverse of this leaflet**

**If the dog appears to be dangerous or is acting aggressively, contact the police on 101.**