

Calderdale MBC

Wards Affected ALL

Cabinet Monday 19th September 2011

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Proposed Introduction of Dog Control Orders to Calderdale

Report of the Director, Economy and Environment

1. Issue

1.1 The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”) provides local authorities with an opportunity to introduce Dog Control Orders which would strengthen the powers available to tackle nuisance and fouling by dogs.

2. Need for a decision

2.1 Introduction of Dog Control Orders would require a consultation exercise with statutory consultees, external agencies and other potentially affected persons. Consultation would help determine if the introduction of five Dog Control Orders to the borough, which would prevent irresponsible dog owners from allowing their dogs to foul, stray, or be out of control in public open spaces, is necessary and proportionate for the control of dogs.

2.2 On the 25th October 2010 Cabinet approved the Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy for environmental offences. Approval to go to consultation and consequential introduction of Dog Control Orders would enhance the Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy.

2.3 This proposal is being submitted to Cabinet as it is a key decision which does not exist within the existing policy framework.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve for consultation the following draft Dog Control Orders (See Appendices A(i) to A(v) respectively).

- Fouling of Land by Dogs (Calderdale) Order 2011
- The Dogs on Lead (Calderdale) Order 2011
- The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Calderdale) Order 2011
- The Dog Exclusion (Calderdale) Order 2011
- The Dogs Specified Maximum (Calderdale) Order 2011

3.2 That Officers consult on the proposed draft Orders and report the results back to Cabinet.

4. Background and/or details

4.1 Dog Issues in Calderdale

(a) Complaints

4.2 Dog fouling offences are predominantly reported to Housing and Environment Services where a member of the public would like the Dog Warden Service to undertake an enforcement intervention. The number of these complaints is rising.

Fig. 1: Dog Fouling Service Requests

By far the majority of our contact relate to dog fouling, nearly 700 in 2009/10

Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
N ^o of Service Requests	430	462	453	567	617	567	569	661	694

4.3 The Dog Warden Service also log complaints about dogs being off lead acting aggressively and attacking other animals or people. Although the number of calls is low, the impact upon the victim(s) may be significant. Situations concerning dangerous dogs are the responsibility of the Police authority or can be remedied as a civil matter by an aggrieved person. 68.6% of calls that are received regarding dangerous dogs comprise dogs being either off lead acting aggressively or causing actual harm to or worry to victims, both human and animal. The majority of incidents arise on streets, the remainder occurring on premises, parks, farms, fields, schools and cemeteries. The data in figure 2 below clearly indicates that the number of these incidents may reduce if there is a requirement for a dog to be put or kept on a lead.

Fig. 2: Types of Dangerous Dog Service Requests

Type of dangerous dog	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total	%
Keeping of Dangerous Dog	2	10	16	24	12	12	18	94	29.8
Aggressive dog off lead	1	2	6	15	5	13	10	52	16.5
Aggressive dog on lead	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	5	1.6
Dog attack	9	29	23	13	39	22	29	164	52.1
Grand Total	12	42	45	53	56	49	58	315	100

(b) FPNs

Under the current enforcement regime for dogs, Authorised Officers of the Council have capacity to serve fixed penalty notices for the offence of dog fouling only. Historically, numbers of these fixed penalties have been low. This reflects the fact that whilst dog fouling nuisance is a common complaint the identification of perpetrators is difficult.

4.4 **Current Powers**

4.5 Dog fouling offences are currently governed by the provisions of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 ("the 1996 Act") within Calderdale. This Act applies to designated lands only. Hence at present, until or unless the Orders are implemented, the 1996 Act and any other byelaws remain in force, but only in certain areas of the borough.

4.6 The current power available for dealing with the dog fouling offence is by means of serving £50 fixed penalty notices, or by means of prosecution and on summary conviction of a fine of up to £1000.

4.7 There are some dog exclusion byelaws in existence, which were introduced under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and section 23(2) of the Housing Act 1985. The application of these byelaws is limited in terms of the scope of the land they apply to, and the enforcement outcome. These byelaws cover:

- Goldfields Recreation Ground, Greetland;
- Millfold Recreation Ground, Ripponden;
- Scout Road, Mytholmroyd;
- Part of Kinnaird Close, Mytholmroyd;
- The children's play area situated at St. Mary's Gate, St. Mary's, Elland;
- The children's play area situated at Furness, Illingworth.

The current power for dealing with these offences is that any person committing an offence under these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction of a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (currently £500).

4.8 The power to deal with stray dogs is defined by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and the Animal Health Act 1981. Officers have powers to seize and detain dogs, and require dogs to wear identification (i.e. a collar and a tag displaying contact details) when the dog is in a public place.

4.9 **Potential New Powers**

4.10 The 2005 Act introduced five dog control offences that can be controlled by Dog Control Orders. It is proposed that Calderdale Council introduce all five of these Orders simultaneously, subject to approval and consultation.

4.11 Implementation of Dog Control Orders could potentially give the local authority power to:

- (a) require dog walkers to remove their dog's faeces from all areas of land open to the air excepting moorland, woodland, and Forestry Commission land.

- (b) exclude dogs from 120 sports pitches and playing fields, 30 ornamental gardens, over 120 play areas, 19 bowling greens and 33 tennis courts. These are higher risk areas where adults and children come into close contact with the ground. Excluding dogs from these areas should significantly reduce the dog fouling problem;
- (c) require dog walkers to put and keep their dogs on leads at all times in the 36 Council allotments, 7 cemeteries and 1 crematorium, and alongside highways with a speed limit of over 40mph;
- (d) empower Authorised Officers from the Extended Patrol Family to require persons whose dogs are causing a nuisance to put and keep their dog(s) on a lead in all areas of the borough, including all 26 parks and the nine nature reserves, all canal towpaths and on all moorland and agricultural land. Situations where an Authorised Officer would direct someone to put and keep their dog on a lead would include areas where the Dogs on Lead Order would apply, and to areas open to the air where the public are permitted or entitled to have access, and would also include
- areas where there is a group of children playing nearby
 - If a dog is behaving in an unsuitable manner
 - If a dog is not under control
 - If people visiting open spaces requested a particular dog be kept on a lead.
- (e) require dog walkers to not walk more than six dogs in the areas of Hardcastle Crag, Ogden Water, Beechwood Park, Holmfield, Roils Head playing fields and Midgley Recreation Ground.

4.12 If any type of Dog Control Order is made that applies to land already subject to the 1996 Act, this Act ceases to have effect in respect of land subject to the dog fouling Dog Control Order.

4.13 Advantages of New Powers

4.14 The Council acknowledges that the majority of dog owners who live in the borough are caring and responsible, pick up after their dogs and keep their dogs under proper control in public areas, not only for their dog's well-being, but also for consideration of the effect their dog has on other residents and visitors to Calderdale.

4.15 The Council will balance the interests of those in charge of dogs against the interests of those affected by the activities of dogs, bearing in mind the need for people, in particular children, to have access to dog-free areas and areas where dogs are under adequate control. Conversely, the Council is also mindful of the need for those in charge of dogs to have access to areas where they can exercise their dogs without undue restrictions.

4.16 As the 1996 Act has been repealed, it is no longer possible to consider the introduction of any further dog controls under the provisions of this legislation. Additionally, it would not be appropriate or possible to introduce other dog controls using byelaws created from the Public Health Act 1875 or from the

Housing Act 1985, both of which have been repealed. The 2005 Act is a more up to date and appropriate way to introduce dog controls to the borough.

- 4.17 There is a mechanism to review and amend or revoke a Dog Control Order at any time via a statutory process.
- 4.18 Introduction of the 2011 Orders under the 2005 Act would consolidate all of the existing byelaws or Orders made under the Public Health Act 1875, the Housing Act 1985, and the 1996 Act, which have limitations in the scope of the land that they apply to, which cannot now be amended, and the enforcement outcome on conviction.
- 4.19 Introduction of Dog Control Orders would not affect the Council's statutory responsibility for the seizure and detention of stray dogs. However, the requirement for dogs to be on leads in certain areas across the borough may contribute to reducing the number of stray dogs in the borough.
- 4.20 Excluding dogs from certain higher risk areas would reduce the safety risk, particularly for children, and reduce or eliminate the amount of dog fouling. As the Council has no intention to ban dogs from the large open green spaces that exist within the borough, responsible dog owners would not be discriminated against or adversely affected.
- 4.21 The Council can demonstrate that a lot of complaints are received about dog mess in these areas. There is a higher risk of people coming into contact with the mess because of the type of activities that occur on these types of land. Additionally, the Council has received a number of reports regarding dogs in these areas scaring children or their parents, so there is also the safety element to consider for the children using the play area.
- 4.22 There are a number of cases where children and sports players have come into contact with the worm *Toxocara canis* in dog excrement and unfortunately that child or sports player has lost their sight either partly or completely as a result. We don't want this to happen in Calderdale. Dog mess left on the ground is both an annoying nuisance, and potentially dangerous.
- 4.23 For dog fouling, a Dog Fouling Dog Control Order would:
- (a) apply to some areas of the borough open to the air which are not presently subject to control;
 - (b) increase the amount of fixed penalty from £50 to £80 and allow an early payment discount, in line with other fixed penalties;
 - (c) be consistent with the Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy approved by Cabinet in October 2010.
- 4.24 Requiring dogs to be kept on leads in certain areas of land, like, for example, alongside roads with a speed limit of 40mph or greater, would proactively reduce the risk of danger or harm to other pedestrians, motorists, other animals, and the dog and the person in charge of it.
- 4.25 An Authorised Officer requesting a dog be put and kept on a lead will be a proportionate reactive or pre-emptive measure for the purpose of preventing

nuisance, or for where harm has been or is likely to be caused to a person or other animal. There are currently no provisions in place to this effect.

4.26 Restricting the number of dogs a person can walk at any one time will allow the person in charge of the dog to take better control of the animals from both a dog fouling and safety perspective such that other land users would be less affected by the dogs' activities.

4.27 Proposed Orders

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Calderdale) Order 2011 – it is recommended that this should include all land which is open to the air which the public are entitled or permitted to access (with or without payment) within Calderdale including all parks and open spaces, cemeteries, car parks, nature reserves, roads, footpaths, pavements, alleyways, grass verges and footpaths and tracks through woodland and moorland, but would not apply to Forestry Commission land or woodland or moorland. (See Appendix A(i)).

4.28 **The Dogs on Lead (Calderdale) Order 2011** – it is recommended that this includes all highways, grass verges alongside a highway, footpaths, allotments, cemeteries and public car parks. (See Appendix A(ii)).

4.29 **The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Calderdale) Order 2011** - it is recommended that this includes most areas where the Dogs on Leads Order does not apply, like for example, all highways, parks, open spaces, recreational ground, nature reserves, sports fields. It will apply to access land, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic (see Appendix A(iii)).

4.30 **Dog Exclusion (Calderdale) Order 2011** - it is recommended that this Order includes all children's play areas, skate parks, and specified sports fields/playing areas, tennis courts, bowling greens, ornamental gardens, school sports pitches (see Appendix A(iv)).

4.31 **The Dogs Specified Maximum (Calderdale) Order 2011** – it is recommended that it becomes an offence to take more than six dogs onto land (Appendix A(v)).

4.32 Section 55 of the Act enables local authorities or Town and Parish Councils to make Orders that apply to offences aimed at the control of dogs to specified land in their area.

4.33 An offence relates to the control of dogs if it relates to one of the following matters:

- (a) fouling of land by dogs and removal of dog faeces;
- (b) the keeping of dogs on leads;
- (c) not putting, and keeping, a dog on the lead when directed to so by an authorised officer;
- (d) the exclusion of dogs from land;
- (e) the number of dogs which a person may take onto any land.

- 4.34 Dog fouling offences are not applicable to certain working dogs, guide dogs and designated assistance dogs.
- 4.35 Section 57 of the Act provides that Orders may apply to all public land which is open to the air and which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment). There are exemptions to this definition which have been made by the Secretary of State under the 'The Control of Dogs (Non-application to Designated Land) (England) Order 2006, which exempts Forestry Commission Land in respect of all Orders, and roads (including highways) in respect of Orders excluding dogs from land.
- 4.36 A road is defined in Section 142 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as (in England and Wales) 'any length of highway or any other road to which the public has access, and includes bridges over which a road passes.' This definition includes public rights of way, including footpaths, and ways to which the public have access by permission of the landowner rather than by right, such as on private estates.
- 4.37 Section 59 of the Act allows authorised officers of the local authority or Town or Parish Council or any other person authorised in writing by the authority (such as a Police Community Support Officer with the Police Authority's consent) to issue a fixed penalty notice offering members of the public an opportunity to discharge any liability for offences under the Dog Control Order.
- 4.38 Section 60 of the Act and the Fixed Penalty (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2006 enables a local authority or Town or Parish Council to specify the amount of fixed penalty in relation to their own Dog Control Orders. The penalty amount can range between £50 and £80, with a default of £75. Authorities may also offer a reduced fine if payment is received within a specified time period. Cabinet agreed a move to this regime in October 2010 but the adoption of Dog Control Orders is needed to legitimise the fine structure.
- 4.39 The penalty to be provided in relation to any offence under a Dog Control Order is, on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000).
- 4.40 The Council has been considering this issue of Dog Control and has identified it as a priority. The Council is required to enter into consultation as part of the statutory process. Officers are keen to discuss this matter with residents as they are aware that this is an important local issue. The consultation will also help to make sure that residents have the opportunity to shape and inform the final draft of the Orders. This matter has been considered by the Dog Control Orders Working Group and Officers are due to report back to the group on the findings of the consultation by Friday 2nd December 2011.
- 4.41 A number of interest groups and organisation will be contacted as part of the consultation. A list of the organisations to be contacted can be found in Appendix A and their comments will be taken into consideration for the recommendations.
- 4.42 The consultation period would run from 3rd October 2011 to 4th November 2011. The questionnaire will be available online and hard copies will be provided at Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax, or by contacting Housing and

Environment Services. A copy of questionnaire can be found in Appendix B, below. The consultation will hopefully generate significant media interest with articles in the local newspapers and other media.

4.43 The seven Parish Councils will be consulted on the draft. An Officer from Housing and Environment Services will attend each of the Parish Council's meetings to update parish councillors on the process.

4.44 The informal consultation may comprise the following:

- ☐ A display at Halifax Town Hall from 3rd October 2011 until 4th November 2011
- ☐ Specific webpage to be created on Dog Control Orders
- ☐ An online questionnaire for consultees to fill out (also available in hard copy)
- ☐ Posters in Libraries, Vets Practices, Pet Shops, Community Centres, Doctor's surgeries etc.
- ☐ Letters sent to user groups and organisations with an interest in dog issues.
- ☐ Dedicated telephone and e-mail address for residents to call and ask questions via Customer 1st.
- ☐ Articles in Your Call/e-call etc.
- ☐ Press releases
- ☐ Meeting with the local Housing Associations.
- ☐ Meeting with Parish Councillors (date TBC).

4.45 Legal

4.46 The Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006 set out how Dog Control Orders shall be introduced by local authorities or Town and Parish Councils. Before making a Dog Control Order the authority shall:

- (a) Consult upon its proposals to make an order by publishing a notice of the proposal in a local newspaper circulating in the area in which the Order would apply is situated;
- (b) Consult every other authority with powers under Section 55 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, in the case of Calderdale MBC, the seven (7) Parish Councils;
- (c) Where all or part of the land in respect of which the proposed order would apply is access land then the Council is required to consult with the Access Authority for that land, the local access forum for that land, and the Countryside Agency, (which is now Natural England).

4.47 The Notice referred to in Paragraph 4.42(a) above shall:

- (a) Identify the land to which the Order shall apply, stating which land is Access Land; summarise the Order;
- (b) State where any maps identifying the land can be viewed, free of charge at all reasonable hours during the consultation period;
- (c) State the date by which representations shall be made, which will not be less than 28 days after the publication of the notice;
- (d) State the address/e-mail to where representations shall be sent to the Council.

4.48 At the end of the consultation period, the Council must consider any representations that have been made. If the Council decides to proceed with the Order, it must decide when the Order will come into force, which must be at least 14 days from the date on which the Order is made.

4.49 At least seven days before any Dog Control Order comes into force, Calderdale Council shall:

- (a) Where practicable place signs summarising the Order in conspicuous positions on or near land where the Order applies;
- (b) Publish in a local newspaper in the area where the Order applies a notice that the order has been made and stating the place where it may be inspected or copies obtained;
- (c) Make available the information on the Council's website;
- (d) Send copies of the information to the Parish Councils;
- (e) If any Orders affect access land, the Council will send a copy of the notice to the access authority, the local access forum and Natural England;

4.50 Existing legislation for the control of dog fouling and dog exclusion within the borough would cease to have effect on the implementation of the Orders, as determined by section 64(3) and section 65 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. From the 1st April 2006, Calderdale Council was no longer able to make any byelaws for dog controls under the repealed 1996 Act.

4.51 A Dog Control Order may be brought into force no sooner than 14 days after it has been made.

4.52 Dog Control Orders can be reviewed and if necessary revoked at any time in accordance with regulation 4 of the Dog Control Orders (Procedure) Regulations 2006.

5. Options considered

5.1 There are three options to consider:

- 1) To continue with the current enforcement regime and not introduce Dog Control Orders.
- 2) To introduce Dog Control Orders as per this proposal having regard to the dog Control Orders (Procedure) Regulations 2006 and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
- 3) To alter or vary the proposed Draft Dog Control Orders following the outcome of the consultation, including consideration of which Orders to introduce, and to which categories or areas of land they would apply to.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Initial consultations with internal partner teams indicate a desire to improve the current enforcement and educative tools that the Council has in place in relation to the control of dogs. Preliminary consultation with Officers from the Safer Cleaner Greener Team and also Countryside Services who have responsibility for maintaining the Council-managed open spaces within the borough, suggests that introduction of the Dog Control Orders would positively benefit colleagues who work in the borough, with subsequent benefits to the people who use the land for recreation and other purposes.
- 6.2 Further consultation with key stakeholders and statutory consultees is a statutory requirement. It is also clearly necessary to consult with dog owners and people who do not own dogs who live within the borough, and interested parties who reside or work in or outside of the borough.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 Staff time, document printing, and other administration costs to undertake the consultation and for the subsequent introduction of the orders is already provided for in the budget of Housing and Environment Services.
- 7.2 There will be some modest as yet unquantified cost implications as a result of this proposal. A range of media formats will need to be utilised in order to provide a thorough and accessible consultation to any and all interested parties and key stakeholders. Adequate signage and information distribution in a range of media formats will need to be displayed in areas where a Dog Control Order would apply. This has a limited cost demand, presently unquantified.
- 7.3 There could potentially be a slight increase in revenue following the introduction of Dog Control Orders due to the ability to serve Fixed Penalty Notices for breaches of the Dog Control Orders.
- 7.4 There may be an increased administrative task placed upon Housing and Environment Services following the introduction of any of the Orders as a result of a potential increase in enforcement interventions.

8. Equality and Diversity

- 8.1 This Report has been formulated having regard to advice within the Enforcement Concordat, Regulators Compliance Code, the Code of Practice for Crown Prosecutors, and Housing and Environment's Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy, and the Enforcement Policy. Additionally, regard has been given to DEFRA guidance and the legislation.

9. Contribution to Delivering Population Outcomes

- 9.1 This Report could help deliver four population outcomes:
- "Improve the quality of our environment and promote respect for Calderdale's heritage" - **Environment**;

- “Reduce the amount of preventable ill-health across the population as a whole” – **Healthier Communities**;
- “Flourish as a place where every child and young person thrives, is safe and happy” – **Children and Young People**;
- “Prosper as a place where people can feel safe and are encouraged to get involved in shaping their future” – **Safer and Stronger Communities**.

10. Corporate implications

- 10.1 The introduction of Dog Control Orders would benefit other agencies responsible for land management of open spaces within the borough.
- 10.2 There will be a need for involvement for colleagues from the Extended Patrol Family to participate in educational and enforcement activities from time to time. Enforcement of any Orders will be administered and co-ordinated by the Environmental Health Service within the Economy and Environment Directorate, and would involve a range of front-line authorised officers from the Safer Cleaner Greener Team, including Countryside Services and Rights of Way, and Community Safety.
- 10.3 This Report will provide an overarching framework which will allow for a reasonable control of dogs and subsequent enforcement where proportionate and necessary for by the Extended Patrol Family across a range of Council Services.
- 10.4 This Report in addition to various operational procedures will ensure that the legislation is enforced in a fair, consistent and equitable manner by all involved.

11. Conclusion

- 11.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the requirement for Housing and Environment Services to undertake consultation with all key stakeholders, partner agencies and residents and users of land within the borough on the basis of the ideas and objectives outlined in this report.
- 11.2 There is a clear need to reasonably balance the requirements of responsible dog ownership and dog owner’s access to land against the requirements of other users of the land to not be affected by the dog’s or the owner’s activities. Finite resources increasingly cause the need to ensure that the Council operates as effectively and efficiently as it can whilst achieving the corporate environmental, safety and welfare priorities of all of its residents. It is considered that this can be achieved in part by introducing Dog Control Orders to the borough following a significant and thorough consultation with all involved.
- 11.3 The introduction of Dog Control Orders would not in itself solve the nuisance problems caused by dog fouling and poorly controlled dogs. However it would clarify and make more consistent the powers available to Enforcement Officers. It would clearly signal to the public the areas where dogs must be on a lead and where dog fouling is unacceptable and will be responded to by enforcement action , Fixed Penalty Notices and prosecution as required. The Council has

authorised some 55 Officers to undertake enforcement work alongside other duties and the new Orders would provide a clear platform on which their work can build. Co-ordinated action via appropriate training and action days in hot spot locations is in place.

11.4 Approval of the Report by Council will:

- Signify the commitment of the Council to protecting the environment by using fixed penalties to deal with environmental crime in the Borough;
- Improve service delivery in an area that the public regard as important;
- Contribute to ensuring the Fixed Penalties Notice regime is delivered in accordance with DEFRA guidance.

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The documents used in the preparation of this report are:

- Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006
- Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc) Regulations 2006
- Dog Control Orders (Guidance on Sections 55 to 67 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005) DEFRA 2006
- Fixed Penalty (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2006
- Local Environmental Enforcement (Guidance on the use of fixed penalty notices) (DEFRA 2007)
- Dog Fouling and the Law (A Guide for the Public) ENCAMS 2006
- Report for Cabinet – Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy (25 October 2010)
- Housing and Environment Services Fixed Penalty Enforcement Strategy

The documents are available for inspection at:

Housing and Environment Services Reception, 2nd floor, Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX1 1UN.

Appendices:

- A i Draft Fouling of Land by Dogs (Calderdale) Order 2011
 ii Draft Dogs on Lead (Calderdale) Order 2011
 iii Draft Dogs on Lead by Direction (Calderdale) Order 2011
 iv Draft Dogs Exclusion (Calderdale) Order 2011
 v Draft Dogs (Specified Maximum) (Calderdale) Order 2011
B Intended Consultees
C Questionnaire

Appendix A(i)

**FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS (CALDERDALE) ORDER 2011
CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC.)
REGULATIONS 2006 (SI 2006/1059)**

1. Calderdale Council (in this Order called "the Council") hereby makes the following Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:
2. The land to which this Order is to apply is to any land, excepting moorland and woodland, within the Calderdale borough which is open to the air and to which the public is entitled or permitted to have access either with or without payment. This is to include all access land.
3. This Order may be cited as the Fouling of Land by Dogs (Calderdale) Order 2011, and shall come into force on January 1st 2012.
4. If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so, or the owner, occupier, or other person having control of the land has consented to his failing to do so.
5. This Order does not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, or has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.
6. A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
7. Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose of disposal of the waste shall be a sufficient removal from the land.
8. Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove it.
9. A person who is guilty of this offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3.

The Common Seal of Calderdale Council

Was affixed this date:

Ian Hughes, Head of Democratic and Partnership Services

Appendix A(ii)

**DOGS ON LEAD (CALDERDALE) ORDER 2011
CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC.)
REGULATIONS 2006 (SI 2006/1059)**

1. Calderdale Council (in this Order called "the Council") hereby makes the following Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:
2. This Order may be cited as the Dogs on Lead (Calderdale) Order 2011, and shall come into force on January 1st 2012.
3. The land to which this Order is to apply is to any land specified in the attached Schedule.
4. A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time on any land to which this Order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead of not more than two metres in length, unless he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
5. For the purpose of this article, a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
6. A person who is guilty of this offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3.

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Schedule 1: Land to which the Dogs on Lead Order would apply

Public open air car parks

All highways with a speed of 40mph or greater

Canal towpaths

All cemeteries and the Crematorium

36 Council Allotments:

AINLEY TOP	Crest Road	Ainley Top	Elland
BANKSFIELD	Aspinall Street	Mytholmroyd	Halifax
BEECHWOOD AVENUE	Beechwood Avenue	Sowerby Bridge	Halifax
CHAPEL CROFT	Chapel Croft	Rastrick	Brighouse
COPLEY	Copley Lane	Copley	Halifax
CROSSLEY HOLME	Exeter Street		Halifax
DRURY LANE	Drury Lane	Stainland	Holywell Green
DYSON ROAD SM	Dyson Road		Halifax
GODFREY ROAD SM	Godfrey Road	Skircoat Green	Haliifax
GREETLAND SM	Rochdale Road	Greetland	Halifax
HAIGH LANE SM	Haigh Lane		Halifax
HOPWOOD LANE	Aspinall Street		Halifax
LEESFIELD SM	Denholme Gate Road	Hipperholme	Halifax
LILLANDS LANE SM	Lillands Avenue	Rastrick	Brighouse
LIME AVENUE	Lime Avenue		Todmorden
LUDDENDEN CEM	Stocks Lane	Luddenden	Halifax
MARSH LANE	Marsh Lane	Southowram	Halifax
MILNER ROYD SM	Fall Lane	Sowerby Bridge	Halifax
MIXENDEN SM	Clough Lane	Mixenden	Halifax
MYTHOLMROYD	Aspinall Street	Mytholmroyd	Halifax
NORTHOWRAM	Hough	Northowram	Halifax
NORTHOWRAM SM	Hough	Northowram	Halifax
OXFORD LANE	Oxford Lane	Siddal	Halifax
PELLON SM	Stretchgate Lane	Pellon	Halifax
PITTS	Pudsey Road	Portsmouth	Todmorden
PORTSMOUTH	Station Parade	Portsmouth	Todmorden
PYE NEST SM	Darnes Avenue	Pye Nest	Halifax
RIPLEY STREET SM	Ripley Street	Lightcliffe	Halifax
SANDHALL	Sandhall Green		Halifax
SPA WELL SM	Dewsbury Road	Elland	Halifax
STOCKS LANE	Stocks Lane	Luddenden	Halifax
STONEY LANE	Fairless Avenue	Lightcliffe	Halifax
WARLEYSM	Paradise Lane	Off Warley Town Lane	Halifax
WATERLOO ROAD SM	Waterloo Road	Brighouse	Halifax
WHITEGATE SM	Siddal New Road	Siddal	Halifax
WHITEHILL ALLOTMENTS	Whitehill Road	Illingworth	Halifax
WILLOW STREET	Belmont Street		Sowerby Bridge

Appendix A(iii)

**DOGS ON LEAD BY DIRECTION (CALDERDALE) ORDER 2011
CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC.)
REGULATIONS 2006 (SI 2006/1059)**

1. Calderdale Council (in this Order called “the Council”) hereby makes the following Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:
2. This Order may be cited as the Fouling of Land by Dogs (Calderdale) Order 2011, and shall come into force on January 1st 2012.
3. The land to which this Order is to apply is to land specified in the attached Schedule.
4. In this Order, “an Authorised Officer of the Authority” means an employee of the authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.
5. A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the authority to put and keep the dog on a lead, unless he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so, or the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
6. For the purpose of this article,
 - (a) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
 - (b) An Authorised Officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on any land to which this Order applies, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.
7. A person who is guilty of this offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3.

The Common Seal of Calderdale Council

Was affixed this date:

Ian Hughes, Head of Democratic and Partnership Services

Schedule 1: Land to which a Dogs on Lead by Direction Order would apply

All 26 parks and recreation grounds:

AKROYD PARK	BOOTH TOWN, HALIFAX
ALLAN PARK	STATION ROAD, SOWERBY BRIDGE
BACUP ROAD RECREATION GROUND	TODMORDEN
BAILIFF BRIDGE MEMORIAL PARK	BRIGHOUSE
BARKISLAND RECREATION GROUND	SCAMMONDEN ROAD, BARKISLAND
BEECH ROAD RECREATION GROUND	SOWERBY BRIDGE
BEECHWOOD PARK	HOLMFIELD
BRADSHAW PARK	BRADSHAW
BREARLEY RECREATION GROUND	BURNLEY ROAD, BREARLEY
CADDYFIELD RECREATION GROUND	TROOPER LANE, HALIFAX
CARR GREEN RECREATION GROUND	RASTRICK
CENTRE VALE PARK	BURNLEY ROAD, TODMORDEN
CHURCH LANE RECREATION GROUND	LOWER EDGE ROAD, ELLAND
CLAYHOUSE PARK	WEST VALE
CLIFTON RECREATION GROUND	BRIGHOUSE
CLOUGH LANE RECREATION GROUND	MIXENDEN, HALIFAX
COPLEY RECREATION GROUND	WAKEFIELD ROAD, HALIFAX
CROW WOOD PARK	SOWERBY BRIDGE
EAVES ROAD RECREATION GROUND	OFF CHURCH LANE, HEBDEN BRIDGE
ELLAND BRIDGE RIVERSIDE PARK	ELLAND
FIELD LANE RECREATION GROUND	REINS ROAD, RASTRICK
FOUR FIELDS	OVENDEN, HALIFAX
GRANTHAM ROAD RECREATION	BOOTH TOWN, HALIFAX
GREETLAND RECREATION GROUND	ROCHDALE ROAD, GREETLAND
HEALEY WOOD RECREATION GROUND	BRIGHOUSE
HEATHFIELD RECREATION GROUND	BACK SPRINGFIELD ROAD, ELLAND
HEPTONSTALL PLAYING FIELD	LONGFIELD, HEPTONSTALL, H.B.
HOLMFIELD RECREATION GROUND	HOLMFIELD
HULLEN EDGE PARK	ELLAND
HULLEN EDGE RECREATION GROUND	ELLAND
LANE HEAD RECREATION GROUND	BRIGHOUSE
LING BOB PLAYING FIELDS	PELLON, HALIFAX
LUDDENDEN RECREATION GROUND	LUDDENDEN
MANOR HEATH PARK	HALIFAX
MIDGLEY RECREATION GROUND	MIDGLEY
MILL BANK RECREATION GROUND	MILL BANK, SOWERBY BRIDGE
MILLFOLD RECREATION GROUND	RIPPONDEN
MIXENDEN URBAN PARK	MIXENDEN, HALIFAX
MOOR LANE RECREATION GROUND	OVENDEN, HALIFAX
MOUNT TABOR RECREATION GROUND	HALIFAX
NATTY LANE RECREATION GROUND	ILLINGWORTH
NORLAND PARK	MOOR BOTTOM LANE, NORLAND
NORTHOWRAM RECREATION GROUND	NORTHOWRAM
PARK ROAD RECREATION GROUND	PARK ROAD, ELLAND
PEOPLES PARK	HALIFAX
PORTSMOUTH RECREATION GROUND	BURNLEY ROAD, TODMORDEN
QUEENS ROAD PLAYING FIELDS	ARUNDEL STREET, HALIFAX
ROILS HEAD PLAYING FIELDS	RYE LANE, HALIFAX
RYDINGS PARK	BRIGHOUSE
SANDBEDS RECREATION GROUND	SANDBEDS ROAD, HALIFAX
SCOUT ROAD RECREATION GROUND	MYTHOLMROYD
SHAW LANE FIELDS - NORLAND	SHAW LANE, NORLAND

SHAW PARK
SHELF HALL PARK
SHIBDEN PARK
SHROGGS PARK
SIDDAL RECREATION GROUND
SOUTHWRAM RECREATION GROUND
SOWOOD RECREATION GROUND
THE STRAY, HIPPERHOLME
WAINSTALLS RECREATION GROUND
WALSDEN RECREATION GROUND, SCOTT
STREET
WARLEY RECREATION GROUND [C6]
WELLHOLME PARK
WEST VIEW PARK
WHITE LEE RECREATION GROUND
WHITELEY PARK
WOODHEAD RECREATION GROUND

STATION ROAD, HOLYWELL GREEN
SHELF
SHIBDEN, HALIFAX
HALIFAX
OXFORD LANE, SIDDAL, HALIFAX
HALIFAX
PARK LANE, SOWOOD
HALIFAX
WAINSTALLS

TODMORDEN
WARLEY TOWN LANE, HALIFAX
BRIGHOUSE
WARLEY ROAD, HALIFAX
MYTHOLMROYD
RISHWORTH
DENHOLME GATE ROAD, HIPPERHOLME

All highways

All public rights of way

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI):

South Pennine Moors
Withens Clough
Crimsworth Dean
Broadhead Clough
Elland by-pass cutting

Sites of Ecological or Geological Interest (SEGI)

Colden Clough, Hebden Bridge
Turner Wood, Rishworth
Sun Wood, Shelf
Ogden Reservoir, Woodland and Cloughs, Halifax
North Dean Wood and Norland Moor, Greetland
Rochdale Canal
Calder and Hebble Canal
Hardcastle Crags, Hebden Bridge
Elland Park Wood, Elland
Wade Wood, Luddenden
Clifton Interchange, Brighouse
Ramsden Clough, Walsden
Strangstry Wood, Rastrick
Wood Hey, Hebden Bridge
Scarbottom Mill Dam, Greetland
Washer Lane, Halifax
Cromwell Bottom, Elland
Gorpley Clough, Todmorden
Red Lane Dike Grasslands, Scammonden

Local Nature Reserves:

Ogden Water, Halifax
Cromwell Bottom, Brighouse
Milner Royd, Sowerby Bridge
Jerusalem Farm, Halifax

Scarr and Long Woods, Halifax
Gorpley Clough, Todmorden
Shibden Park and Cunnery Wood, Halifax
Beechwood Park, Illingworth, Halifax

Appendix A(iv)

**DOGS EXCLUSION (CALDERDALE) ORDER 2011
CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC.)
REGULATIONS 2006 (SI 2006/1059)**

1. Calderdale Council (in this Order called “the Council”) hereby makes the following Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:
2. This Order may be cited as the Dogs Exclusion (Calderdale) Order 2011, and shall come into force on January 1st 2012.
3. The land to which this Order is to apply is specified in the attached Schedule.
4. A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or remain on, any land to which this Order applies unless he has a reasonable excuse for doing so, or the owner, occupier or other person having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.
5. Nothing in this article applies to a person who:
 - (a) Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
 - (b) Is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity no. 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
 - (c) Has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.
6. For the purpose of this article,
 - (a) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
 - (b) Each of the following is a “prescribed charity” –
 - Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity n^o. 1092960)
 - Support Dogs (registered charity n^o. 1088281)
 - Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity n^o. 2516146)
7. A person who is guilty of this offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3.

The Common Seal of
Calderdale Council
Was affixed this date:

Ian Hughes, Head of Democratic and Partnership Services

Schedule 1: Land to which an Exclusion Order would apply.

All fenced and unfenced children's play areas:

Abbey Park/Kirkstall		Illingworth
Ainley Top Play Area	Ainley Top	St. Albans Avenue
Akroyd Park	Akroyd Park	Boothtown
Bacup Road Recreation Ground		Elland
Bailiff Bridge Recreation Ground		Halifax
Barkisland Recreation Ground	Scammonden Road	Todmorden
Beech Road Recreation Ground		Brighouse
Beechwood Estate	Sowerby New Road	Barkisland
Birchcliffe Road Recreation Ground		Sowerby Bridge
Boxhall Road Recreation Ground		Sowerby
Bradshaw Park		Hebden Bridge
Bramston Street Recreation Ground		Elland
Brearley Recreation Ground	Burnley Road	Bradshaw
Burnsall Road Play Area	Field Lane	Rastrick
Caddyfield Recreation Ground	Trooper Lane	Brearley
Calder Holmes Park A	New Road	Rastrick
Calder Holmes Park B	New Road	Halifax
Cambridge Street/Tipside Rec		Hebden Bridge
Carr Green Recreation Ground		Hebden Bridge
Carr House Estate Play Area	Shakespeare Avenue/Castle Lane	Todmorden
Centre Vale Park A	Burnley Road	Rastrick
Centre Vale Park B	Burnley Road	Todmorden
Chapel Street Play Area	Tuel Lane	Todmorden
Chapel Street Recreation Ground		Sowerby Bridge
Charlestown Play Area	Off Burnley Road	Holywell Green
Chestnut Avenue		Sandbeds, Hebden Bridge
Church Lane Recreation Ground	Lower Edge Road	Todmorden
Clayhouse Park		Elland
Clifton Recreation Ground		West Vale
Clough Lane Recreation Ground		Brighouse
Conway/Bentley Street		Mixenden
Copley Recreation Ground	Wakefield Road	Halifax
Cragg Road		Halifax
Crib Lane Play Area	Pellon Lane	Mytholmroyd
Crow Wood Park A		Halifax
Crow Wood Park B		Sowerby Bridge
Eaves Road Recreation Ground	Off Church Lane	Sowerby Bridge
Finkil Street Recreation Ground		Hebden Bridge
George Street		Brighouse
Goit Side Recreation Ground		Rastrick
Grantham Road Recreation Ground		Booth, Luddenden
Greetland Recreation Ground	Rochdale Road	Boothtown
Harrison Street		Greetland
Heptonstall Playing Field		Cornholme, Todmorden
Hollins Mill Leisure Park		Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge
Holmes Park	Station Road	Sowerby Bridge
Holmfield Recreation Ground		Luddenden Foot
Horley Green Play Area		Holmfield
Hullen Edge Play Area		Halifax
Hullen Edge Skate/BMX Park		Elland
Hunter Hill Play Area	Hunter Hill Road	Elland
		Mixenden

Jagger Green Recreation Ground	Jagger Green Lane	Elland
James Street Play Area	James Street	Elland
Kershaw Estate Play Area		Luddenden Foot
King George V Memorial Park		Lightcliffe
Knowlwood Road		Todmorden
Lane Head Recreation Ground		Brighouse
Littlemoor Play Area	Littlemoor Road	Illingworth
Longfield Play Area	Longfield Estate	Todmorden
Lower Bentley Royd		Sowerby Bridge
Luddenden Recreation Ground		Luddenden
Manor Heath Park		Halifax
Meadow Bottom Play Area	Meadow Bottom Road	Todmorden
Midgley Recreation Ground		Midgley
Mill Bank Recreation Ground	Mill Bank	Sowerby Bridge
Mill Fold Recreation Ground A	Ripponden	Sowerby Bridge
Mill Fold Recreation Ground B	Ripponden	Sowerby Bridge
Moor Lane Recreation Ground		Ovenden
Mount Tabor Recreation Ground	Mixenden	Halifax
Myrtle Estate Play Area	Myrtle Avenue	Illingworth
Natty Lane Recreation Ground		Illingworth
Nest Estate Play Area		Mytholmroyd
Norland Park	Moor Bottom Lane	Norland
Norland View Play Area	Wakefield Road	Sowerby Bridge
Northowram Recreation Ground		Northowram
Norwood Green Play Area		Brighouse
Oaklands Play Area		Rastrick
Park Road Recreation Ground	Park Road	Elland
Peoples Park		Halifax
Pit Street/Russel St		Todmorden
Plains Lane Estate/Kinnard Close		Park Road, Elland
Portsmouth Recreation Ground	Burnley Road	Todmorden
Ripponden Wood Recreation Ground		Ripponden
Roils Head Playing Fields	Rye Lane	Halifax
Rosemount Estate Play Area	Huddersfield Road	Elland
Sandbeds Recreation Ground		Sandbeds Road, Halifax
Sandhall Green Recreation Ground	Sandhall Green	Halifax
Scout Road Recreation Ground		Mytholmroyd
Shaw Park	Station Road	Holywell Green
Shelf Hall Park		Shelf
Shibden Park		Shibden
Shroggs Park		Halifax
Sidal Recreation Ground	Oxford Lane	Halifax
Smith House Estate Play Area		Brighouse
Southowram Estate/Higgin Lane		Halifax
Sowood Recreation Ground	Park Lane	Sowood
Spring Edge Play Area	Free School Lane	Halifax
St Augustines Play Area		Halifax
St Johns Close Play Area		Rishworth
Stainland Recreation Ground	Stainland Road	Stainland
Stanningley/Ashtree Road		Mixenden
The Newlands		Sowerby Estate
The Stray		Hipperholme
Triangle Park	Hollin Street	Triangle
Victoria Road Play Area		Hebden Bridge
Wainstalls Recreation Ground		Wainstalls
Walsden Rec/Scott Street		Todmorden

Warley Recreation Ground
Wellholme Park A
Wellholme Park B
West View Park
Whinney Hill Est
White Lee Recreation Ground
Whiteley Park
William Street /St Johns Play Area
Woodhead Recreation Ground
Woodhouse Lane Recreation Ground
Woodlands Avenue Play Area
Woodside Road Play Area

Warley Town Lane

Warley Road

Denholme Gate Road

Halifax
Brighouse
Brighouse
Halifax
Brighouse
Mytholmroyd
Rishworth
Rastrick
Hipperholme
Brighouse
Todmorden
Boothtown

All open air multi-use sports grounds and pitches
19 bowling greens
33 tennis courts
School playing fields

Appendix A(v)

**DOGS SPECIFIED MAXIMUM (CALDERDALE) ORDER 2011
CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC.)
REGULATIONS 2006 (SI 2006/1059)**

1. Calderdale Council (in this Order called "the Council") hereby makes the following Order under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:
2. This Order may be cited as the Dogs Specified Maximum (Calderdale) Order 2011, and shall come into force on January 1st 2012.
3. The land to which this Order is to apply is specified in the attached Schedule.
4. On land to which this Order applies, the maximum number of dogs which a person may take onto the land is six (6).
5. A person in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if he takes onto any land in respect of which this Order applies more than the maximum number of dogs specified above unless he has a reasonable excuse for doing so, or the owner, occupier or other person having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.
6. For the purpose of this article, a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
7. A person who is guilty of this offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3.

The Common Seal of
Calderdale Council

Was affixed this date:

Ian Hughes, Head of Democratic and Partnership Services

Schedule 1: Land to which the Specified Maximum Order would apply:

Beechwood Park, Grange Avenue, Holmfield, Halifax.

Midgley Recreation Ground, Solomon Hill/Green Lane, Luddendenfoot, Halifax.

Ogden Water, Ogden Lane, Causeway Foot, Halifax.

Hardcastle Crag, Midgehole Road, Hebden Bridge, Halifax.

Roils Head Playing Fields, Rye Lane, Pellon.

Appendix B – List of Intended Consultees

External

Blackshaw Parish Council
British Veterinary Association
British Waterways
Calderdale residents
Canine Partners for Independence
Dogs for the Disabled
Dogs Trust
English Nature
Environment Agency
Erringden Parish Council
Forestry Commission
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
Hebden Royd Town Council
Heptonstall Parish Council
Keep Britain Tidy
National Dog Wardens Association
National Trust
Natural England
National Farmers Union
Pennine Housing 2000/The Together Group
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals
Ripponden Parish Council
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)
Support Dogs
The Kennel Club
Todmorden Town Council
Wadsworth Parish Council
West Yorkshire Pennine Local Access Forum
West Yorkshire Police
Yorkshire Water

Internal

Safer and Stronger Communities
Countryside Services
Rights of Way

Stakeholder Partners

Legal Services
Safer Cleaner Greener Team
Countryside Services
Rights of Way Enforcement Team
Corporate GIS
Extended Patrol Family Officers
Calderdale Engage
Corporate Communications
Parking Services
Web Office Team



Dog Control Orders Questionnaire

Please note that the answers you provide in this questionnaire will form the basis for Calderdale Council's procedures and policies to promote responsible dog ownership in the borough. You are therefore urged to give serious consideration to your answers. However, there is no right or wrong answer. This is not a test! Please also note that your participation is voluntary, and your data will be held anonymously and confidentially.

Firstly, we'd like to ask you a few questions about you:

How old are you?

Under 18 18 – 24 25 – 34 35 – 44
45 – 54 55 – 64 65 and over

What is your gender? Male Female

In which area of Calderdale do you live? (Please choose your nearest town).

Brighouse
Elland
Halifax
Hebden Bridge
Sowerby Bridge
Todmorden
I don't live in Calderdale

Do you own a dog or dogs? Yes No

How many dogs do you own? One Two Three Four
Five Six More than six

Do you regularly walk a dog or dogs in Calderdale? Yes No

Do you work in or own a business in Calderdale? Yes No

Does your business involve dogs? Yes No

Please specify: _____

Do you believe yourself to be a responsible dog owner? Yes No

What makes you think you are a responsible dog owner? (please tick any that apply):

- My dog is microchipped
- My dog has a collar and tag with identification
- My dog has never been seized as a stray dog by the Dog Wardens
- I always pick up after my dog
- I always carry dog poo bags with me, without fail
- I know I can put bagged dog poo into a street litter bin
- I tell someone if they have not picked up after their dog
- I have never been prosecuted or fined for not picking up after my dog
- My dog has never attacked anyone
- My dog has never attacked another animal
- I never have my dog off a lead in a public place
- I believe that I can control my dog

Secondly, we'd like to ask you for your opinion about dog control issues:

Dog Fouling

Is dog fouling a problem in the area where you live?

Yes No Don't know

Should people in charge of dogs be responsible for cleaning up their dog's mess?

Yes No Don't know

Would you like to see the introduction of a Dog Control Order for dog fouling which will apply across the borough?

Yes No Don't know

Dog Exclusion or Dogs on Leads

Which best represents your view about the control of dogs in the following areas? Do you think that: dogs should be banned; OR kept on a lead; OR put and kept on a lead when directed; OR not restricted in any way? (Please tick one per row).

	Banned	Restricted on a lead at all times	Restricted when directed by an Officer	No restriction	Don't know
All roads and pavements	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fenced children's outdoor play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unfenced children's play areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cemeteries and the crematorium	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public ornamental gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation grounds	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recognised/marked sports pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature reserves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public car parks	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling greens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canal towpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School playing fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Athletics tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation areas or sites of special scientific interest (SSSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A maximum length of two metres (six feet six inches) is suggested for the length of dog leads under the Dog Control Orders in order to protect pedestrians, other dogs, and cyclists. Would you like to see this maximum lead length introduced?

Yes No Don't know

Specified Maximum

How much of a problem is caused when a person walks several dogs at any one time?

- I don't know
- It's not a problem
- It's only a minor problem
- It's a big problem
- It's a very big problem

How many dogs do you think a person in charge of a dog should walk on public land at any one time? (Choose one only).

Two

