The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Calderdale) Order 2012

The Borough Council of Calderdale (in this Order called “the Authority”) hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on Monday 3rd September 2012.

2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

3. 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.

Offence

4. (1) 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 him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than six feet six inches (6’6”) or two (2) metres, unless –

(a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

(2) For the purposes 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 the 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.

Penalty

5. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.