

## HOW TO REPORT DOG OFFENCES

Information about offenders can be reported to the Community Wardens by calling **01768 817817** or reporting online at **www.eden.gov.uk**

### You will need to have ready:

- The name and address, or description of the dog walker/owner and dog(s)
- The time and date of the offence, and what happened
- Your contact details – anonymous complaints will not be taken. An email address is also preferable

## STREET CLEANING

A request for cleaning a pavement is a separate service in Eden. If you wish to enquire about this to remove dog fouling, state this clearly when making a complaint. Street cleaning is not available in all areas of the District or for each incidence of fouling.

*Information about all of the topics covered in this leaflet can be found on the Eden District Council website, at **www.eden.gov.uk***

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO GET IN TOUCH WITH COMMUNITY WARDENS:



**CALL**  
01768 817817



**E-MAIL**  
pollution@eden.gov.uk



**VISIT**  
www.eden.gov.uk

# A NEW NAME FOR DOG LAWS IN EDEN



From October 2017, a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to dog control will take effect across Eden

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## THE NEW PSPO HAS REPLACED THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS WHICH COVERED ISSUES SUCH AS FOULING, DOGS ON LEADS AND DOG EXCLUSION AREAS

### WHAT IS A PSPO?

Public Spaces Protection Orders (or PSPOs) deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specified area that is detrimental to the local community.

### WHICH DOG RELATED MATTERS ARE IN EDEN'S PSPO?

The Public Spaces Protection Order has retained the original offences covered by the Dog Control Orders:

- Failing to remove dog faeces
- Not keeping a dog on the lead
- Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded

Anyone who commits an offence under any of the three provisions may be issued with a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice, or be liable upon conviction in the Magistrates Court of a fine of up to £1000.

### DOG FOULING

This applies to any land, which is open to the air, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access and within 200 metres of a public highway subject to a speed limit of 40mph or less.

#### The offence does not apply:

- To working dogs when they are actually working
- If the person is registered blind or has a physical disability which prevents them from complying. The exemption covers only dogs trained by specific registered charities upon which such people rely on for assistance (i.e. assistance dogs)
- If the person in control of the dog has the consent of the owner or occupier of the land not to pick up the faeces

### DOG EXCLUSION

It is an offence for any person in charge of a dog to permit them to enter any fenced or enclosed play area or certain recreational areas. In most of these locations there are specific signs to say that dogs must not be allowed to enter the area.

### DOGS ON LEADS

To summarise, all dogs should be kept on a lead on all parts of the road, including pavements and verges that are within 200 metres of a public highway with a speed restriction of 40mph or less. This also applies to some cemeteries.

*For a full list of places where a dog should be kept on a lead, or excluded from an area, visit [www.eden.gov.uk](http://www.eden.gov.uk) and search the 'dog' web pages.*

### WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE IS CAUGHT BREAKING THE LAW?

Depending on the circumstances, the person in charge of the dog may be liable to:

- A verbal or written warning
- A Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 per offence (if a witness provides a statement)
- A potential prosecution

### WHO CAN ENFORCE A PSPO?

Eden District Council's Community Wardens, Police Officers and PCSOs are authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices.