



ADVICE TO DOG OWNERS.

The following guidelines are issued by Cornwall Council to encourage responsible dog ownership.

Dog Fouling

The law requires you to clean up after your dog and properly dispose of faeces when your dog fouls in any area which the public are entitled to have access to.

Cornwall Council has introduced a **Public Spaces Protection Order** covering all of Cornwall. This covers all land (with the exception of Forestry Commission Land) in the open air to which the public are entitled access (by payment or not).

Failure to remove faeces immediately will result in a fixed penalty of **£100.00** being issued to you. If you are also caught disposing of a waste bag by throwing it on the ground or into bushes (Littering) a fixed penalty will be issued of **£150**. Failure to pay such fines within 14 days may result in prosecution and a fine of up to **£1000**. **Please dispose of your dog waste responsibly by depositing it into the nearest rubbish bin or taking it home with you and depositing it into your own rubbish bin.**

It is not an excuse in law that you were not aware of the fact that the dog had fouled. You can be held responsible even if you did not see the incident, or if it is witnessed whilst your dog is straying.

The Law also requires that:

- Your dog must wear a collar displaying the name and address of the owner or on a disc attached to it even if it has been micro-chipped so that the owners can be traced in the event of an accident or if your dog goes missing.
- You do not let your dog out on its own at any time. If your dog is found on its own by a Dog Welfare and/or Enforcement Officer you will be liable to pay to have it released as well as all costs incurred.
- You must not let your dog bite or attack any person or other animal.
- Barking dogs can be considered a nuisance and enforcement action may be considered in dealing with persistent offenders. Officers from public health and protection may undertake investigations into noise nuisance.

PLEASE NOTE THAT POLPERRO AND THE PARISH OF LANSALLOS ARE PATROLLED BY COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AUTHORISED TO ISSUE FIXED PENALTIES FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER.