

prevented when dogs are wormed regularly.



Allowing dogs to foul in public places is not acceptable. Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended) if you do not clean up after your dog, you are liable for an **on-the-spot fine**

of €150. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum **fine of €3,000 if convicted.**

Contact the Environment Warden on **053 919 6000** to report dog owners that don't clean up after their pets. Wexford County Council provides poop scoops for dog walkers at a number of locations around the county. They are also available at low cost in pet stores/supermarkets.



Noise Pollution



Excessive dog barking that causes a nuisance is a legal offence. If you are bothered by persistent barking, talk to the owner in question. If this does not work, you can lodge an

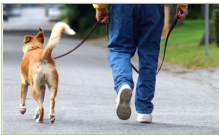

official complaint with your local District Court on the appropriate form.



Twelve Golden Rules of Dog Ownership

- Train your dog to obey basic commands such as sit, stay and to come to you, so that it is under control at all times. Dogs that are not under control, roaming free in public are treated as stray dogs and can be impounded by the Dog Warden.
- Feed your dog a nutritionally balanced diet at regular times and ensure that your dog has a constant supply of fresh, clean water. Consult your vet for further advice.



- Provide your dog with regular exercise and involve it in family activities. Ensure that your dog has enough space to move around comfortably in a garden appropriate to the size of your dog. 
- Obey local laws regarding dogs on leads, and for your dog's own safety, keep it on a lead near roadways and when in a public place. Extra care must be taken for restricted breeds. 
- Do not allow your dog to foul pavements and public open spaces. Be prepared to clean up after your dog if an accident occurs.
- Do not allow your dog to bark unnecessarily and disturb your neighbours. Training in obedience at an early stage helps prevent such problems.
- Provide your dog with its own warm and draught-free bed.
- Micro-chip and Licence your dog. Ensure it wears an identification tag at all times.
- Keep your dog clean and regularly groomed. Discuss flea control with your local vet.
- If you do not wish to breed from your dog, obtain advice from your vet about getting your dog neutered or spayed as appropriate to prevent unwanted pups.
- Vaccinate your dog annually and worm for intestinal worms every 3 months.
- Make advance arrangements for the care of your dog when you're going on holidays.

Wexford County Council Pound Kennels:
Pets First Kennels, Tomanoole, Ballycarney,
Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Tel: (053) 938 8339

WSPCA, Wexford, (053) 914 3919

NWSPCA, Gorey, (087) 639 2531

Dog Warden (053) 919 6000

Important Information for Dog Owners



A Guide On How to Be A Better Dog Owner



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Dog Licences

Every dog has to have a licence which must be renewed every year. **Licences cost €20.00** and can be bought online at www.licences.ie or from any post office. If you do not have a dog licence, the Dog Warden can issue an on-the-spot fine of €100. Failure to pay the fine can result in prosecution with a **maximum fine of €2,500** and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted. General Dog Licences are €400 (>20 dogs) and Lifetime Dog Licences are €140.

Micro-chipping your Dog/ Identification of Dogs

With effect from 31-03-2016 all dogs must be legally micro-chipped by a veterinary practice and the name, address, and contact details of the owner must be registered. This also applies to pups over 12 weeks old on 01-09-2015.



Micro-chipping your dog makes re-uniting lost or stray dogs with their owners much easier. All dogs must be identifiable by a badge or tag attached to their collar with the name and contact details of the owner. If you do not have identification for your dog, you are liable to receive an **on-the-spot fine of €100**. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a **maximum fine of €2,500** and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

Keeping Your Dog Under Control

It is a legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 (as amended), that a dog must be under effectual control at all times when outside of the premises of the owner/person in charge of the dog.

The following dogs **MUST be muzzled** at all times when out in public:

- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Bull Mastiff
- Doberman Pinscher
- English Bull Terrier
- German Shepherd
- Japanese Akita
- Japanese Tosa
- Rhodesian Ridgeback
- Rottweiler
- Staffordshire
- Any crossbreed of the above

These dogs must also be led by a person over the age of 16 and kept on a strong chain or lead not exceeding 2 metres in length.

Unwanted Dogs

Unwanted dogs may be brought to the Dog Warden or the Dog Pound where they will be accepted for a fee of €50 and on production of a valid dog licence. Spaying and neutering are the surgical procedures used to stop dogs from having pups. Your Vet can perform the procedure and Vets will also vaccinate your dog against a range of diseases.



Re-home a Dog

If you are interested in making a commitment to getting a dog, why not consider a rescue dog. Dogs that are suitable for re-homing are available at a small charge from the Dog Pound. The charge covers the cost of a health check, vaccinations, micro-chipping and a discount voucher for spaying or neutering your dog.



Stray Dogs

Stray dogs may be seized by the Council's Dog Wardens. They will be brought to the Dog Pound where they will be kept for five days in order for their owners to reclaim them. See contact details below.

Dogs and Sheep

Every year in County Wexford there are many attacks on sheep by dogs, particularly around lambing time (November-May). Most dog attacks occur in the early hours of the morning. These attacks result in sheep and lambs dying from their injuries, lambs being aborted, and stock not thriving for fear of further attacks. Also such attacks result in serious financial losses for the farmer including such costs as veterinary fees, disposal of dead animals, and the loss in value of stock not thriving in the aftermath of attacks by dogs. Under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 (as amended), dog owners are required to keep their dogs licensed, tagged, and under control. This means making sure your dog is enclosed or securely tied at night. Any dog can be a killer around sheep.



Dog Fouling

Dog faeces is a health hazard and may cause salmonella or an infection called toxocariasis which can pass to humans through contact with contaminated faeces. This can be particularly harmful to children. It is caused by roundworm in a dog's intestine which can be

