



THE KENNEL CLUB
Making a difference for dogs

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national dog warden association

Working together to promote responsible dog walking - a concordat between the Kennel Club and the National Dog Warden Association

Established in 1984 through a combination of education and enforcement, the National Dog Warden Association is committed to ensuring that all those working and interacting with dogs in a local authority environment are appropriately trained and knowledgeable to carry out their duties in a responsible and professional manner for the benefit of dogs, their keepers and the wider community.

Established in 1873, the Kennel Club is the governing body of the world of dogs, and its primary objective is to protect and promote the dog's varied roles in society and to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners.

Our organisations share a vision for all dogs and their owners to have happy and healthy lives that do not adversely impact on other people or places. Regular exercise in the outdoors is a fundamental and healthy part of dog ownership. Together we will support responsible dog walking by:

- Working with our partners, members and colleagues to ensure people have places to walk their dogs on a daily basis, close to where they live.
- Promoting and applying good practice to influence where dog walkers go and how they behave.
- Using our networks and influence to encourage better mutual understanding between dog walkers and all other users of the countryside and urban greenspace.
- Helping others to understand and experience how dogs enhance people's lives, through improved health, confidence and mobility.
- Helping dog walkers understand the potential impact of their activities on other people and the environment.
- Balancing the needs of dog walkers with equally-legitimate wider community interests in town and country.
- Striving to ensure restrictions on walkers with dogs are evidence-based, least restrictive and plan to accommodate any displaced activity nearby.
- Facilitating mutual liaison at an early stage when restrictions on dog walkers are being considered, to ensure any decisions respect and reflect the aspirations of all interests.
- Reinforcing the need for local authority dog warden and canine control services to have sufficient, long-term funding along with suitably qualified personnel whose professionalism is recognised and respected.
- Collaborating to develop and apply best practice for managing commercial dog walking, recognising both the benefits and challenges associated with the activity.



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