

There are exemptions for registered disabled people and their trained dogs.

Helpful Hints

Poop Scoops can be purchased from most pet shops or any plastic bag can be used. Please keep your dog on a lead along all roads to Prevent accidents.



All dogs must wear identity disks or other suitable markings to assist in reuniting stray dogs with their owners. Please remember that not everyone enjoys a dog's company, so when exercising your dog be thoughtful of others.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 has replaced previous local dog byelaws and the old Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 with new powers for local councils to make Dog Control Orders. For further information please contact 01702 215006.

If you have a complaint about dogs on the beach, foreshore, in parks or on the highway please telephone 01702 215006.

A Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership



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Introduction

Southend has local Dog Control Orders to promote responsible dog ownership. These cover cleaning up dog mess, putting dogs on leads and a few areas where dogs are excluded.

Southend has over 80 parks and open spaces where dogs can be exercised freely.

The majority of dog owners are responsible people; it is unfortunate that a minority of dog owners are not considerate to others by not cleaning up after their dog, or allowing their dog to cause fear or nuisance to others. Southend Council recognises the majority of dog owners are responsible; it is our policy to deal with the minority that are not.

Clean it Up

Southend has a number of dog bins available in parks and open spaces to dispose of fouling; if one is not available it is acceptable to use a litter bin or taking it home and placing in the normal black sack. Poop Scoop requirements apply to all land open to the air to which the public have access, including:

- ◆ All roads, footpaths, verges, walkways and passageways,



- ◆ Parks and public gardens.
- ◆ Recreation and sports grounds.
- ◆ Open amenity areas, car parks, beaches and promenades.

Dogs on Leads

All dogs should be kept on a lead when walking on streets and footpaths.

There are also a few small areas in parks which are sign posted whereby dogs should be on a lead and under the control of the person in charge. Dogs should also be on a lead in car parks, cemeteries and churchyards. During the wild fowl breeding season it is recommended that dogs are kept on a lead in these areas so as not to disturb nests and young birds.



Multiple Dog Owners

No more than 4 dogs can be taken onto open parks and spaces by one person. It is not always possible for a handler to keep an eye on too many dogs which can result in fouling not being picked up, and can cause concern to other users of the area.

Putting and Keeping Dogs on a Lead When Requested to do so

If there are reasonable grounds whereby a dog is considered to be aggressive or causing a nuisance to others, a Southend Council Officer can request that a dog is put and kept on a lead which is no longer than 6 foot in length.

Exclusion Areas

Dog handlers are requested not to allow their dogs to enter a few small areas, such as children's playgrounds, bowling greens, some formal sports fields and ornamental gardens. These are clearly signposted.

Beaches

Southend is a busy seaside resort and unfortunately the Council receives complaints of fouling and concern from families who wish to enjoy a clean and safe day at the seaside. The beach area is a dog free zone in the summer months from **1st May to 30th September**.



Any person who does not comply with an Order commits an offence and is liable to prosecution or a fixed penalty fine of £80.