

Restricted Breeds

Restrictions apply to the following breeds:-

- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Japanese Akita
- Bull Mastiff
- Japanese Tosa
- Dobermann Pinscher
- Rhodesian Ridgeback
- English Bull Terrier
- Rottweiler
- German Shepherd (Alsatian)
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Every dog commonly known as a Ban Dog (or Bandog)
- Every other strain or cross of every breed or type of dog listed above

Control of Restricted Breeds

A person cannot have a restricted breed in a public place unless the dog is being led by means of a sufficiently strong chain or leash, not exceeding two metres in length, by a person over the age of sixteen years who is capable of controlling the dog.

Muzzling of Restricted Breeds

A person cannot have a restricted breed in a public place unless the dog is securely muzzled.

Greyhounds

A person cannot lead more than four greyhounds at any time in any public place and they must be led by a sufficiently strong chain or leash.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN A FINE OF €100.00 OR A FINE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF UP TO €2500

Barking Dogs

Excessive dog barking which causes a nuisance to any person is an offence. Complaints in relation to excessive barking should be made to the District Court on the appropriate form. Forms are available from your local District Court or online at www.fingal.ie.

Fines

- Failure to produce a current licence: €100
- No collar and ID: €100
- Restricted Breeds - no muzzle: €100
- Restricted Breeds - no lead: €100
- Greyhounds - no lead: €100
- Failure to keep your dog under effectual control: €100

Fees

- Annual Licence Fee : €20
- Lifetime Licence Fee: €140
- Pound reclaim Fee: €20
- Bed and board: €8 per night
- Surrender Fee: €40 or €50 (if dog is collected by Wardens)
- Rehoming Fee: €20
- Microchipping Fee: €25

For Further Information:

Fingal County Council

Environment & Water Services Dept.
County Hall, Main Street,
Swords, Co. Dublin

Tel: 01 890 6272 or 01 890 6799
Email: envserv@fingal.ie

Dog Warden & Dog Pound Service
Ashton Pound
River Road, Ashtown, Castleknock, Dublin 15

Tel: 01 8383236
Email: ashtondogpound@eircom.net
www.ashtondogpound.com

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Council



A Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership



Dog Licences

If you have a dog over 4 months old, you must have a licence for it and the person to whom the licence is issued must be over 16 years of age. The price of a dog licence is €20 and may be purchased online at www.fingal.ie, at any Post Office or at our Fingal County Council Offices.

If you do not have a licence for your dog, you are liable for a €100.00 "on-the-spot" fine. Failure to pay this fine may lead to a prosecution with a maximum fine of €2,500 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

Dog Identification

Your dog must wear a collar with your name and address inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc attached to the collar.

If you do not have identification for your dog you can be fined €100.00 by the Dog Warden or in the District Court you could get a fine of €2,500 and / or 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

Stray Dogs

A stray dog is a dog that is not under effectual control, e.g. a dog left unaccompanied in a public place. If your dog is not under effectual control you are liable for a €100.00 "on-the-spot" fine, failure to pay the fine may result in prosecution and a fine of up to €2500 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

Stray dogs will be taken by the Dog Warden to the Dog Pound where they will be kept for 5 days. To reclaim your dog, you must pay the Pound a reclaim fee of €20.00 for the first day or part thereof plus a charge of €8.00 bed and board for each night your dog remains in the Pound. If you do not have a current dog licence it will be necessary to purchase one at a cost of €20.00 before release.

Ashton Pound, Tel 8383236, provide the Dog Warden and Pound service on Fingal County Council's behalf.

Dog Fouling

Dog owners cause a health hazard by not removing their dog waste from streets, parks, beaches, playgrounds and other public places where people and children walk and play.

Under the Litter Pollution Acts (1997-2009) it is an offence not to clean up after your dog has fouled in a public place and dispose of it in a proper manner.

Dog waste is largely responsible for an infection known as toxocariasis which mostly affects children. Allowing dogs to foul in public areas is anti-social and totally unacceptable.

You should always carry a pooper scooper or a plastic bag to remove the waste. Pooper scoopers can be bought in pet shops and dog waste can be placed in any litter bin.

Failure to clean up your dog's waste can lead to a €150.00 on-the-spot fine. Failure to pay this fine can lead to prosecution with a maximum fine of €3000.00 on summary conviction. Please help to keep Fingal free from dog fouling by playing your part.



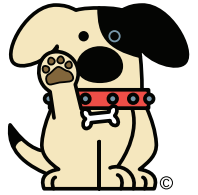
Dog Fouling Hotline

If you witness an incident of dog fouling and are prepared to be a witness in any possible court proceedings, please contact the Dog Fouling

HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER
1800 251 500

Green Dog Walker

Green Dog Walkers is a community based campaign that is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.



Volunteers wear a Green Dog Walkers armband which signifies that they have "taken the pledge" to always:

- Clean up after their dog
- Wear the armband or put the Green Dog Walkers collar on their dog when walking
- Carry extra dog waste bags
- Be happy to be approached to 'lend' a dog waste bag to those without
- Be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

The green arm band acts as a friendly reminder to please pick up after your dog. All you have to do is sign a pledge form which you can download from Fingal.ie, sign and return to the Environmental Awareness Section.

If you are interested in rolling out the campaign in your local neighbourhood or would like some more information call 01 8906236 or email enviraware@fingal.ie

Unwanted Dogs

Unwanted dogs should be brought to the Dog Pound where they are accepted for a small fee of €40.00, unwanted dogs may also be collected for a fee of €50.00. Please phone Ashton Pound 8383236 for details.

Rehoming

Dogs which are suitable for rehoming are available for a small charge from Ashton Dog Pound. They may be contacted at www.ashtondogpound.com.