

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

1990 Part VIII

CONTROL OF STRAY DOGS

The above Act introduced a duty on Local Authorities to collect up and detain stray dogs and gave local authorities a power to dispose of unclaimed dogs.

The duty of the Police is to receive any stray dog taken to them by a member of the public.

Under the Act, the FINDER of a stray dog has a duty to:-

- (a) return the dog to its owner (assuming the owner can be readily identified);,
or
- (b) take the dog to the Local Authority for the area in which the dog was found;,
or
- (c) take the dog to the Police Station nearest to where the dog was found.

Although it is stated in (b) above that the finder should take the dog to the Local Authority, it is recommended that the finder telephones Environmental Health (01424) 787545 to report the finding, when arrangements will be made for the dog to be collected.

In the event of your dog straying and being seized by the Local Authority, you will face a MINIMUM CHARGE of:-

£25 Prescribed Fee.

Further charges may be made for transportation and kennelling costs.

In order to reclaim your dog, you will need to telephone 01424 787545 and an arrangement will be made for you to call at 14 Beeching Road, Bexhill-on-Sea between 3.30pm and 4.30pm to collect your dog.

Members of the public, who see a dog straying and wish to report the fact, should telephone Environmental Health 01424 787545 during normal office hours. However, outside normal office hours (including weekends and Bank Holidays) the number to ring is 01424 787868.

CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER 1992

Collar and Tag Information

In addition to the duties concerning stray dogs, the above legislation makes it an offence for a dog in a public place not to wear a collar and tag giving the name and address of the owner.

This requirement will assist finders of stray dogs and the Local Authority in re-uniting stray dogs with their owners.

The procedure for dealing with the owners whose dogs have no collar and tag in a public place is:-

In the 1st instance -
a warning letter

In the 2nd instance
formal action will be considered

So, to avoid these measures please clearly identify your dog!

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