



## THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/1059)

### **THE FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS (NORTHAMPTON) ORDER 2009**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Northampton Borough Council have made the above Order in accordance with the legislation as stated in the title. The effect of the Order is as specified below

1. This Order comes into force on the 14th day of August 2009.
2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

#### **Offence**

3.

- (1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless-
  - (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to their failing to do so.
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who-
  - (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
  - (b) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.
- (3) For the purposes of this article-
  - (a) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
  - (b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;
  - (c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;
  - (d) each of the following is a "prescribed charity" –
    - (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
    - (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281)
    - (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

## Penalty

4.

A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

**A COPY** of the Order may be seen at the Legal Services Department, Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on Fridays.

Any queries regarding the Order should be made to David Bibey on 01604 838058.

Dated this 27 July 2009

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## SCHEDULE

1. All land which is in the administrative area of the Council and which is
  - (i) open to the air (which includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side)  
and
  - (ii) to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).