These orders affect anyone who is a dog owner or has responsibility for a dog. Any person who commits an offence is liable to prosecution or a fixed penalty fine of £75.

Further information relating to the new Dog Control Orders can be viewed on the council’s website: wyre.gov.uk

If you are concerned regarding a dog fouling problem or any other dog related issue, please contact the council on 01253 891000.

When contacting the council in connection with a particular problem, it is useful to provide as much information as possible. This can be:

- Your name and address
- A description of both the owner and the dog
- The address of the owner (if known)
- The time of day the problem occurs
- A description and registration number of any vehicle used by the dog owner

REMEMBER TO CARRY YOUR POOP SCOOP OR PLASTIC BAG EVERY TIME YOU TAKE YOUR DOG FOR A WALK. THERE IS MAXIMUM FINE OF £1000 FOR NOT CLEARING UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

Dog Identification

Every dog must wear a collar and tag with the name, address and telephone number of the owner inscribed thereon, when the dog is in a public place.

This is a legal requirement and failure to comply with this law may result in prosecution and a maximum fine of £1000. Without a collar and tag, your dog may be seized by one of the council’s Area Officers as a stray and impounded.

The dog will only be released on payment of THE FULL FEE incurred by your dog's detention.

Contact your Area Officer at

Wyre Council
Civic Centre
Breck Road
Poulton-le-Fylde
Lancashire
FY6 7PU

Tel: (01253) 891000
Fax: (01253) 899000
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If you require this publication in any other format please call 01253 891000 to make your request.
Dog Controls in Poulton

The Dog Control Orders replace current controls such as local byelaws and elements of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

Created in consultation with town and parish councils and community groups, the orders are designed to address particular issues in individual areas.

They will allow the council to effectively target irresponsible dog owners, without impeding the vast majority of people who control their dogs responsibly, so that all sections of the community can enjoy Wyre’s parks and open spaces.

Order 1 – Failure to remove dog faeces

This Order applies to any land within the Borough which is open to the air (this includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side) and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

- Under this Order, if a dog fouls on any land which has been designated as a no fouling area the person in charge of the dog must clean up the waste immediately.
- If that person fails to clean up, they have committed an offence and can be prosecuted.
- That person may also be liable for a fixed penalty ‘on the spot’ fine.

It is not a reasonable excuse to say that you were unaware that you dog had fouled or that you had no suitable means of removing the waste.

Order 2 - Keeping dogs on leads

This Order requires people in control of a dog to keep it on a lead in these areas:

- All public roads, pavements, grass verges which are within four metres of the carriageway and are maintainable at public expense and which are subject to a speed limit of 40mph or less.
- The following public open space areas, parks, recreational/amenity areas and gardens:
  - Arundel Drive (including Harewood Close/Beeston Avenue/Avery Gardens), Arundel Drive School entrance, Beaumont Gardens, Blackpool Old Road/Falcom Drive, Bolton Avenue/Gerrards Avenue open space, Brockway, Buckingham Way, Caldicott Way/Donnington Road open space, Carr Close, Carrabine Park/Bispham Road, Civic Centre grounds, Derby Road/Shirley Heights, Ladybower Lane/Blackpool Old Road, Leyfield Close, Linderbeck Lane, Lower Green Bungalows, Palm Drive, Poulton Swimming Centre grounds, Primrose Way/Rington Farm, Rotary Gardens, Rutland Avenue allotments, Sheringham Way, Tomlinson Gardens-Vicarage Road

Order 3 – Dogs on lead when requested

This order requires a person in control of a dog to put and keep their dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer of the council in the following designated areas:

- Civic Centre Playing Fields
- Cottam Hall Playing Fields
- Farnham Way
- Jeans Stansfield Memorial Park/Vicarage Park
- Tithebarn Park

Order 4 – Dog Exclusion

This Order means that dogs are not permitted in certain areas. There are exemptions for people with registered guide dogs and trained assistance dogs.

Dogs are not permitted within the areas detailed below:

- All children’s play areas (fenced or not)
- All marked sporting areas and bowling greens within the parks
- Gardens of Remembrance and Cenotaphs
- Cemeteries

Order 5 – Maximum number of dogs

Under this Order a person cannot take more than four dogs at any time onto any land as described:

- King George’s playing fields
- Cottam Hall playing fields
- Jean Stansfield Memorial Park/Vicarage Park