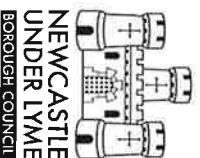


# Public Spaces Protection Orders



## Controls for Dog Owners

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) are a set of rules dog owners must follow. Anyone breaking these rules faces a £100 fixed penalty or a fine up to £1000 on conviction - here's what you need to know.

### NEW controls

#### Means to Pick Up Dog Fouling

Anyone walking a dog in a public place is obliged to clean up after their dog. This control requires a dogs' owner to prove, if asked, that they have a bag with them so are able to pick up after their dog fouls.



You must have bags with you whenever you walk your dog



#### Maximum of Six Dogs

We consider that if a person walks more than six dogs they will not be able to keep them all under proper control. The risk that they will not notice or be able to remove fouling increases. It is more likely that larger groups of dogs will behave as a pack. Other park users - walkers, family groups, runners, cyclists etc. often report feeling intimidated by groups of dogs.



Locations where these controls apply can be found on our website.

No more than six dogs to be walked by any person



## Other controls



#### Dog Fouling

It is an offence for an owner to allow their dog to foul in any public place and not immediately remove the waste. These controls apply to almost all public places such as grass verges, pavements, churchyards, and public open spaces.



Clean up after your dog



#### Dog Exclusions

Dog walkers cannot take their dog into certain places – even if they have it on a lead.

Areas include, but are not limited to, children's play areas and marked areas of Apedale Country Park.



No Dogs Allowed

#### Dogs on Leads

Dog walkers must keep their dog/s on a short lead (not longer than 2 metres) when they walk it in certain places.



#### Dogs on Leads by Direction

Officers such as dog wardens, park rangers, police officers and PCSOs can tell dog walkers to put their dog on a lead if they feel it is necessary for the safety of the dog or to safeguard others.



Dogs on Leads

For further information on our current control orders visit our website [www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/dogcontrols](http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/dogcontrols)  
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