

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND

THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006

THE DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION (CITY OF SUNDERLAND) ORDER 2014

The Council of the City of Sunderland (in this Order called "the Authority") hereby makes the following Order :

1. This Order comes into force on 18th October 2014.
2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule below.
3. In this Order "an authorised officer of the Authority" means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order .

Offence

4. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead, unless-
 - (a) he has 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 his failing to do so.
- (2) For the purposes of this article-
 - (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his 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) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog, likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person (on any person to which this Order applies) or the worrying disturbance of any animal or bird.

Penalty

5. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Dated 2nd October 2014

THE SEAL of THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SUNDERLAND was
hereunto affixed in the
presence of:-



Authorised Signatory

62035A SEAL NO.

SCHEDULE
(Specification/description of land, or lands, to which the Order applies)

This Order applies to all land within the administrative area of the Authority to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) which is :-

- (a) open parks, pleasure grounds and other open spaces maintained by the Authority;
- (b) open playing fields maintained by the Authority not otherwise marked as a “dogs on leads area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect);
- (c) beaches/foreshore and any slope or staircase leading thereto not otherwise marked as a “dog exclusion area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect);
- (d) school grounds;
- (e) car parks, owned and operated by the Authority;
- (f) carriageways and adjoining footpaths and verges; and
- (g) footpaths, bridleways, alleys, precincts, promenades, thoroughfares and other ways (not being carriageways).