

Prohibiting dogs from land:

The Dog Control Order bans dogs from certain areas at certain times as follows:

1. *Lowestoft Beach - from the South Pier, southward to a point adjacent to the CEFAS building from 1st May to 30th September (inclusive).*
2. *Southwold Beach - from a point adjacent to the northernmost extremity of the promenade (at the northern end of the beach huts), southward to a point adjacent to the East Street steps (just below the Sailor's Reading Room) from 1st May to 30th September (inclusive).*
3. *Corton Beach - from a point to the east of Baker's Score, southward to a point to the east of Tibbenham's Score from 1st May to 30th September (inclusive).*
4. *Kessingland Beach – from a point at the eastern end of Coastguard Lane, 240 metres northward to a point north east of the concrete slope into the holiday bungalows from 1st May to 30th September (inclusive).*
5. *All fenced and gated children's play areas.*

A leaflet is available on request, which contains detailed maps of the affected beaches. You can download a copy from www.waveney.gov.uk

ENFORCEMENT

These controls are enforced by the Council's Environment Support Officers,

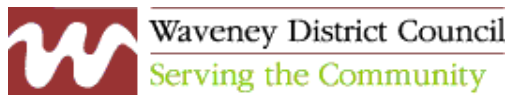
who can be contacted by telephoning (01502) 523117.

Offences against the Order are punishable by fixed penalty notice of £80 or prosecution through the Magistrates' Court where the maximum fine is £1000.

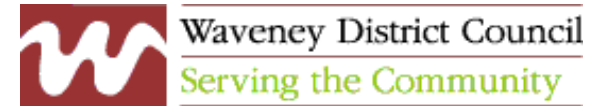
CONSULTATION

We would like to know what you think about these aspects of dog control. If you would like to make a suggestion or a comment, please write to the address at the foot of this leaflet or email us at: environment@waveney.gov.uk or visit our website at: www.waveney.gov.uk and use the feedback form.

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Dog Control

A cleaner neighbourhood. We all want it. We can all help to achieve it. This leaflet explains the controls that apply to dogs and their owners to protect the environment and maintain public safety.

WHAT IS A DOG CONTROL ORDER?

The Government has given local authorities powers to make "Dog Control Orders" to control other activities of dog owners. Waveney has recently introduced a Dog Control Order which impose obligations on dog owners in respect of:

- **Cleaning up dog faeces;**
- **keeping a dog on a lead;**
- **putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer;**
- **prohibiting dogs from land;**

The full details may be viewed on our website at www.waveney.gov.uk

WHY DO WE NEED ONE?

Most dogs are valued by their owners and, on the whole, make a valuable contribution to society. There are exceptions to this, usually arising from the actions or negligence of a tiny minority of dog owners.

Aggressive dogs, stray dogs, dog fouling and noisy dogs can all cause problems of varying severity ranging from mild nuisance to disease, serious injury and even death.

The Council has a role in trying to ensure that the acts or omissions of dog owners do not adversely affect the health, safety or enjoyment of others. A Dog Control Order helps us to achieve this.

THE CONTROLS IN DETAIL:

Cleaning up dog faeces:

The Dog Control Order makes it illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access.

A leaflet is available on request, which contains more details about dog fouling. You can download a copy from www.waveney.gov.uk

Keeping a dog on a lead:

Dogs must be kept on a lead in the following areas:

1. *All public highways in the Waveney District, including all classes of road whether made or unmade, capable of carrying motorised vehicle traffic, EXCLUDING footpaths and rights of way not normally intended for public vehicular access.*
2. *All pedestrian footways and verges adjacent to public highways specified above.*
3. *All pedestrianised areas in urban areas.*
4. *The Green at The Street adjacent to Blacksmith's Loke, Lound.*
5. *Sports grounds, fields, greens and pitches, when in use.*
6. *All Cemeteries and churchyards.*
7. *All Allotment Sites.*
8. *Lowestoft (lower) Promenade for its entire length from the South Pier, southwards to its termination east of All Saints Road, Pakefield.*
9. *Lowestoft (upper) Promenade for its entire length from the Claremont Pier southwards to Kensington Gardens.*
10. *Kessingland Promenade from a point at the Eastern end of Coastguard Lane, 240 metres northwards to a point north east of the concrete slope into the Holiday Bungalows.*
11. *Southwold Promenade for its entire length from its northernmost extremity to its southernmost extremity.*
12. *The Beach at Lowestoft - from the South Pier, for its entire length southward to a point adjacent to the CEFAS building, from 1st October to 30th April (inclusive).*
13. *The Beach at Southwold - from a point adjacent to the northernmost extremity of the promenade (at the northern end of the beach huts) to a point adjacent to the East Street steps (just below the Sailor's Reading Room) from 1st October to 30th April (inclusive).*
14. *The Beach at Kessingland – from a point adjacent to the eastern end of Coastguard Lane, 240 metres northward to a point north east of the concrete slope into the holiday bungalows from 1st October to 30th April (inclusive).*
15. *The Beach at Corton - from a point to the east of Baker's Score, southwards to a point to the east of Tibbenham's Score, from 1st October to 30th April (inclusive).*

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Putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer:

There are no hard and fast rules as to when such a request might be made but in general it will be a rational, reasonable, proportionate and necessary response to circumstances.

Authorised officers will always be able to produce documentation demonstrating the extent of their authority if requested.