



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

The Anti-Social Behaviour , Crime and Policing Act 2014

**WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2025
NUMBER 4: DOGS**

This PSPO shall come into effect on 18th December 2025.

The Borough Council of Worthing (in this Order Called "the Council") makes the following Order:

1. THE FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS

This Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 1.

- (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 them failing to do so.
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who -
 - (a) has a disability which affects their 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 they rely on 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 Limited (registered charity number 1088281)
 - (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

2. THE DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION

This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule 2.

In this Order "an authorised officer of the Council" means an employee of the Council who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

- (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, they do not comply with a direction given them by an authorised officer of the Council to put and hold the dog on a lead, 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 them failing to do so.
- (2) 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) an authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this Order to put and hold 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 land to which this order applies] or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

3. THE DOGS ON LEADS

This Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 3.

Offence

- (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 they do not hold the dog on a lead, 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 them failing to do so.
- (2) For the purpose of this article 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.

4. THE DOGS EXCLUSION

This Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 4.

- (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, they take the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this Order applies unless -
 - (a) they have reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to them doing so.
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who -
 - (a) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance ; or
 - (b) has a disability which affects their 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 they rely on for assistance .
- (3) For the purpose 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; and
 - (b) 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)

5. THE DOGS (SPECIFIED MAXIMUM)

This Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 5.

On land to which this Order applies, the maximum number of dogs which a person may take onto that land is 6.

Offence

- (1) A person in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time , they take onto any land in respect of which this Order applies, more than the maximum number of dogs specified in Article 5 of this Order, unless -

- (a) they have reasonable excuse for doing so ; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so .
- (2) For the purposes of this article 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.

6. PROVISION OF PERSONAL DETAILS

Where an authorised officer of the Council or Police Officer reasonably believes a person has breached any of the prohibitions or requirements imposed by Articles 1 to 5 s/he may require that person to give their name and address and date of birth to the authorised officer or Police Officer.

PENALTY

If any breach of an offence under this PSPO occurs a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100 can be issued and failure to pay may lead to prosecution. A person who is guilty of an offence shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale.

The Order will have effect for three years (less one day) from the date it is made.

The Common Seal of the
Borough Council of Worthing
was affixed in the presence
of:



Solicitor to the Councils



Authorised Signatory

SCHEDULE 1

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, this Order applies to 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).
2. Excepted from the description in paragraph 1 above is land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967.

SCHEDULE 2

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, this Order applies to 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).

2. Excepted from the description in paragraph 1 above is land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967.

SCHEDULE 3

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, this Order applies to all public roads, pavements and grass verges, which are within 4 metres of the carriageway and are maintainable at public expense and which are subject to a speed limit of 40 mph or less; and to

- the promenade from George V Avenue to Windsor Road,
- the Pier
- Denton Gardens
- Beach House Park
- Field Place Grounds
- Church House Grounds
- Marine Gardens
- Palatine Park
- The footway adjoining the seashore at Goring by Sea between the slipway west of the Yacht Club and the slipway south of Seafield Avenue
- Manor Sportsground
- Heene Terrace Gardens
- Cemeteries, including closed cemeteries maintained by the Council,
- Allotments
- Car parks

within the administrative area of the Council.

2. Excepted from the description in paragraph 1 above is land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967, access land, Downslink, bridleways and byways.

SCHEDULE 4

1. All land within the Council's administrative area comprising any fenced (and/or hedged and/or walled) children's play area, bowling green, cricket square, multi use games area, croquet lawn, tennis court, volleyball court, skate park, trampoline area, paddling pool, adventure play area, athletic track, area of astro turf, cycle enclosure or putting green signed at its entrance(s) as a "dog exclusion area" (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect); and
 - Highdown Gardens
 - Heene Road Cemetery
 - the seashore at Goring-by-Sea immediately south of the beach huts between the slipway west of the Yacht Club and the slipway south of Seafeld Avenue
 - the seashore from west of Splash Point to the east of Heene Road
2. Dogs are excluded from the seashore areas outlined above from 1 May to 30 September inclusive.

SCHEDULE 5

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, 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).
2. Excepted from the description in paragraph 1 above is land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967.