

## Noise and Odour nuisance from dogs

Dog barking is one of the most commonly reported noise complaints received by Council each year. Barking comes naturally to dogs, but constant barking or whining of a dog can be disturbing or annoying to neighbours.

You can find advice on how to stop your dog nuisance barking at [www.derrystrabane.com/dogcontrol](http://www.derrystrabane.com/dogcontrol) or contact the dog warden at **tel: 02871 253 253**.

To report a noise complaint please contact the Health & Community Wellbeing at **tel: 028 71253253** or **e-mail: [health&housing@derrystrabane.com](mailto:health&housing@derrystrabane.com)**

**Please help us to increase the number of responsible dog owners in our area and to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with the irresponsible ownership of dogs.**



For information and advice on any aspect of Responsible Dog Ownership, please contact Health & Community Wellbeing **02871 253 253** or visit [www.derrystrabane.com/dogcontrol](http://www.derrystrabane.com/dogcontrol)



This information is available upon request in a number of formats including large print, Braille, PDF, audio formats (CD, MP3, DAISY) and other minority languages.

**For further information on alternative formats please contact**

**tel:** 028 71 253 253  
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**Are you a dog owner? If so, this leaflet is for you. If not, are you affected by dog fouling, nuisance barking or stray dogs? If so, this leaflet is also for you. Derry City and Strabane District Council has implemented a new strategy to increase the number of responsible dog owners in our area. Do you know what a responsible dog owner is?**

A responsible dog owner is “an owner who ensures the welfare of his/her pet, ensures that their dog is licensed, keeps their dog under control at all times and never allows their dog to stray, who disposes of dog fouling from their pet immediately and who ensures that their dog does not cause nuisance through noise or odour”.

This leaflet will provide advice and information in relation to the various aspects of responsible dog ownership and will provide contact details so that you can ask for advice or report a problem that is affecting you.

## Dog Licensing

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All dogs, with the exception of guide dogs, must have a valid licence. Before you get a dog or a puppy you MUST get a licence for it. It is against the law not to. A puppy that stays with its mother must have a licence by the age of six months. Dogs must also wear an identity disc or tag, stating the owner’s name, address and contact telephone number.

It’s never been easier to license your dog, simply apply online at: [www.derrystrabane.com/dogcontrol](http://www.derrystrabane.com/dogcontrol)

Failure to do so can result in a £80 fixed penalty fine or in court a maximum fine of £1,000 for each offence.

You can also obtain a dog licence at the Health & Community Wellbeing, Derry City and Strabane District Council Offices, 98 Strand Road, BT48 7NN or 47 Derry Road, Strabane, BT82 8DY. Alternatively an application can be posted out on request and the completed form returned to the address above, with your cheque or postal order.

**Please note that it is not possible to licence a dog without including a valid microchip number for your dog. Microchipping is a secure way of permanently identifying your dog so even if it loses its collar we can still trace a dog by its unique microchip number.**



## Uncontrolled/Straying dogs

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Dogs that are allowed to stray will foul the local area and can cause upset, disturbance and even attack other animals or people in the community. Any dog found unaccompanied and outside of its own property will be impounded in the Council Dog Shelter, 7A Pennyburn Industrial Estate, Derry, BT48 OLU Tel. 028 71253253

A straying offence can result in a £80.00 fixed penalty or in court a maximum fine of £1000

## Dog Fouling

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Dog faeces is both a nuisance and a health hazard. Dog owners should always carry a plastic bag or poop scoop bag when they walk their dog and should bag and bin any dog fouling caused by their pet. Failure to clean up after your dog can result in a £80.00 fixed penalty or in court a maximum fine of £1,000.

Derry City and Strabane District Council is committed to tackling the serious problem of dog fouling throughout the Council area and seeks the support of its citizens to assist us in identifying areas that suffer from dog fouling problems. Please contact us with details of irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul.

**Contact our Dog Wardens at 028 7125 3253 or e-mail [dogcontrol@derrystrabane.com](mailto:dogcontrol@derrystrabane.com) We can treat such information confidentially.**