



The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012 No 114)

The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Antrim Borough Council) Order 2013

Antrim Borough Council hereby makes the following Order:

Commencement

1. This Order comes into operation on **1st December 2013**.

Application

2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.
3. In this Order "an authorised officer of a district council" means an employee of the district council who is authorised in writing by the district council for the purpose of giving directions under this order.

Offence

4. (1) Any 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 to him by an authorised officer of Antrim Borough Council to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than two metres in length, unless
 - (a) the person 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 the person 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 district council may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if the authorised officer believes that 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.

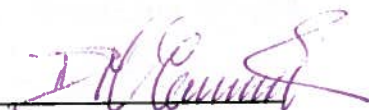
Penalty

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 this 10th day of October 2013

The Common Seal of Antrim Borough Council

Affixed hereto in the presence of:



David McCammick
Chief Executive



Roderick Swann
Mayor of Antrim

Schedule

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, this Order applies to all land within the Borough of Antrim 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 enter (with or without payment).

2. Excepted from the description in paragraph (1) above is land held by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the purpose of any of its functions under the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (2010 c. 10 (NI)).