

The news about dogs (law cards)



The issue: Dog obesity.

The law: It is illegal to cause a dog unnecessary suffering.

Enforced by: The RSPCA/police.

The issue: Dog fouling.

The law: If someone lets their dog foul in a public place they may be fined.

Enforced by: The police/local authority.

The issue: Breeding pedigree dogs with health problems.

The law: A criminal offence may be committed if a dog is bred with health problems and suffers unnecessarily as a result.

Enforced by: The RSPCA/police/local authority.

The issue: Dog fighting.

The law: It is illegal to keep or train a dog for fighting, take part in a dog fight or be present at a dog fight.

Enforced by: The police/local authority.

The issue: Tail docking.

The law: Tail docking is illegal for most breeds of dog, with the exception of working dogs such as gun dogs, when the docking must be done by a vet. Tail docking may be carried out on any dog by a vet for medical reasons.

Enforced by: The RSPCA, the police or, for licensed dog breeders, the local authority.

The issue: Cruelty to dogs.

The law: It is against the law to cause a dog 'unnecessary suffering' or to keep it in such a way that suffering is likely to occur.

Enforced by: The RSPCA/police/local authority.