

The news about dogs (answers)

The issue: **Breeding pedigree dogs with health problems**

Kennel Club 'failing to do enough for pedigree dogs' (BBC News Online).

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

Enforced by: RSPCA, police, local authority.

The issue: **Dog obesity**

Warwickshire junk-food-diet dog seeks new home (BBC News Online)

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

Enforced by: RSPCA, police.

The issue: **Dog fouling**

Mustafa Elsherkisi appeals dog-dirt murder conviction (BBC News Online)

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

Enforced by: Police, local authority.

The issue: **Tail docking**

Woman given ban for dog cruelty (BBC News Online)

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

The issue: **Dog fighting**

Dog fighting fears after wounded pit bull body is found (BBC News Online)

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: Police, local authority.

The issue: **Cruelty to dogs**

Man sought over Woolwich dog attack YouTube video (BBC News Online)

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: RSPCA, police, local authority.