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Dear Clerk

Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Control and Dog Fouling

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into force in October 2014. The Act covers a wide variety of anti-social behaviour, including Dog Control Orders.

Wrexham Council currently has 3 Dog Control Orders which cover the entire county borough or specific areas:

- The Fouling of Land by Dogs (WCBC) Order 2009
- A Dogs Exclusion (WCBC) Order 2009
- A Dogs on Lead by Direction (WCBC) Order 2009

The current Dog Control Orders were replaced from the 1st of March 2017, with a new Public Spaces Protection Order covering the county borough.

The existing dog fouling requirements for owners to remove their dog's faeces, the exclusion zones for dogs on bowling greens, marked sports pitches and play areas (apart from owners with assistance dogs) and a dogs on lead by direction order to all applicable land, allowing an Authorised Officer to instruct owners to place and keep a dog on a lead when necessary, continue, within the new PSPO.

The new PSPO will also cover dog control in the parks, around the visitor centres and car parks (Alyn Waters Country Park, Gwersyllt and Llaysia, Ty Mawr Country Park, Cefn Mawr, Bellevue Park, Nant Mill Visitor Centre, Coedpoeth) and dogs on leads along a public road and pavement (excluding public footpaths).

The PSPO will require dog owners to:

- I. remove their dogs' faeces from all public places within the whole county borough

*Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg.
Byddwn yn ymateb i unrhyw ohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at unrhyw oedi.*

*We welcome correspondence in Welsh.
We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to any delay.*

- II. exclude dogs from bowling green playing surfaces, the playing areas of marked sports pitches and fenced children's play areas, skate parks, tennis courts and multi-use games areas (apart from owners with assisted dogs)
- III. place their dogs on a lead when directed by an Authorised Officer
- IV. place their dogs on a lead around visitor centres and car parks in the parks
- V. place their dogs on a lead on a public road and pavement (excluding public rights of way footpaths and bridleways).

A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100 (or £75 if paid within 7 days), failing which they may be prosecuted.

I would be grateful if you could ensure members of the Community Council are aware of the new order.

Yours sincerely



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