

Licences

Every dog must have a licence.

An annual licence costs €20.00 and a lifetime licence costs €140.00. These can be bought from any Post Office or on-line at www.licences.ie. If your dog does not have a licence the Dog Warden can issue a fine of €100 and if the fine is not paid the County Council will take you to court. Fines can be paid online at www.dlrcoco.ie/payforit

Keeping your pet under control

Dogs must be kept under control and must be accompanied at all times while in a public place. They must either be kept on a lead or trained to "heel", i.e. remain next to the person walking the dog. If your dog is not kept under control, or is out alone, the Dog Warden can issue you with a fine of €100.

Report stray or wandering dogs

The Dog Warden will collect stray dogs and bring them to the Council's dog pound. If there are strays in your area please contact the Control of Dogs Section at 01 2054771. The Council's dog pound will keep the strays for five days. If the owner has not been found by then the pound will endeavour to re-home the animal.

Re-home a dog

If you are interested in re-homing a dog you can contact the Council's dog pound at 01 8383236.

If you have lost your dog

If you have lost your dog, you can contact our Pound 01 8383226 or our office in County Hall to find out if your dog has been found and taken to the dog pound.

Spaying / neutering

Every year in Ireland around 30,000 unwanted puppies have to be put to sleep. Spaying and neutering are the surgical procedures used to stop dogs from having puppies. These procedures also reduce the risk of your pet contracting life-threatening diseases.

Your local vet can perform the procedure and your dog will be fully healed within two weeks.

Micro-chipping

All dogs must be micro-chipped. This ensures that your dog can be identified if it is separated from you. Your vet can carry out this very simple procedure.

Dog fouling

It is against the law not to clean up after your dog. The fine is €150. Dog poop bags are widely available from many shops for a very low price and are ideal for cleaning up after your dog.

I.D. tag

All dogs must wear a collar and an I.D. tag with the name and address of its owner while in any public place.

Muzzling

The following types of dogs MUST be muzzled at all times when out in public:

American Pitt Bull Terrier
Bull Mastiff
English Bull Terrier
Japanese Akita
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Ban Dog
Doberman Pinscher
German Shepherd/Alsatian
Japanese Tosa
Rottweiler
Any crossbreed of these

These dogs must also be led by a person over the age of 16 and kept on a strong chain or lead not longer than 2 metres. Failure to keep your dog under control or if your dog is out unaccompanied will result in a fine of €100.

Dog Barking

If a dog in your area is causing a nuisance by barking, you have the right to petition to the District Court for an injunction to prevent the dog barking. If you wish to do so the relevant form is available from the Council Offices or the District Court. Forms are also available on the Council's website, www.dlrcoco.ie

Bye – Laws

Under the **Parks Bye Laws** it is an offence for a dog to be off-lead in parks in the county with the exception of Killiney Hill Park and the specific off-lead areas in Marley Park, Deerpark, Shanganagh Park and Cabinteely Park. Please note that restricted breeds are prohibited from being off-lead at all locations.

Under the **Beach Bye Laws** the following restrictions apply:

Seapoint Bathing Area

No dogs allowed all year round.

Sandycove Bathing Area

No dogs allowed all year round.

Outside bathing area

10.00am to 7.00pm dogs must be on a lead all year round

Killiney Bathing Area

No dogs allowed from
1st June to 15th September
From 10.00am to 7.00pm

At all other times dogs are required to be on a lead.

Please note, the bathing areas include the foreshore/beach area.

These restrictions do not apply to guide dogs for the blind.