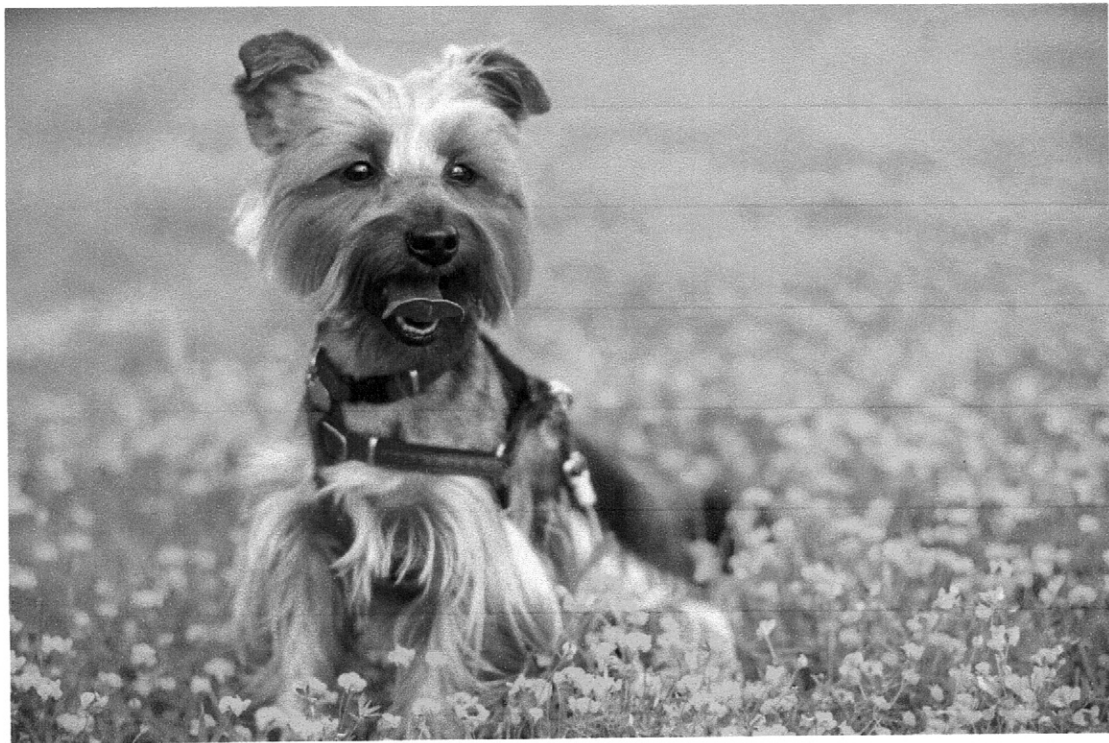


# Have You Heard?



**From December 2018 a new Public Spaces Protection Order comes into force in Daventry District, requiring you to:**

- ❧ Keep your dog on a lead in graveyards, cemeteries and memorial gardens
- ❧ Keep your dog on a lead near schools (when the school is open)
- ❧ Walk no more than six dogs at any one time
- ❧ Refrain from smoking inside a fenced-off play area
- ❧ Pick up your dog's poo
- ❧ Carry the means for picking up your dog's poo while on a walk
- ❧ Stop your dog from entering a fenced-off playground
- ❧ Place your dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
- ❧ Put your dog on a lead in the area around the visitor centre and café at Daventry Country Park

**Failure to follow any of these requirements may result in a £100 fine**



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# Media Release

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## **New dog control powers coming into force**

People are being reminded of new regulations to keep dogs under control in public places which are now in force across Daventry District.

The new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) introduces a number of new regulations, including:

- Dogs must be on leads in graveyards, cemeteries and memorial gardens
- Dogs must be on leads near schools (when the school is open)
- A maximum of 6 dogs can be walked by one person at one time
- No smoking is permitted in defined and fenced off children's play areas.

The new PSPO also includes all the rules set out under the previous PSPO, which states that people in charge of a dog must:

- Pick up after the dog
- Carry the means to pick up after the dog
- Prevent the dog from entering a fenced-off children's play area
- Put the dog on a lead when requested by an authorised officer
- Keep the dog on a lead around the café area at Daventry Country Park.

Daventry District Council has been working alongside schools and parish councils across the District in recent weeks to agree appropriate boundaries and signage for the regulations requiring dogs to be put on leads.

The boundaries around schools will focus mainly on entries and exits and will apply only when the school is open. No smoking signage will also be added to fenced-off children's play areas.

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Although the additional new regulations are in place as of 1 December, full enforcement of them will not begin until 1 April 2019. Anyone caught breaking the new rules between now and then will be given advice and guidance.

The rules set out under the previous PSPO are still enforceable during this period and anyone in breach faces a £100 fixed penalty notice or potentially court action, which could result in a fine on conviction of up to £1,000.

Cllr Richard Auger, Environmental Health and Housing Portfolio Holder on Daventry District Council, said: "We want to create a cleaner and safer environment for everyone who uses our streets and pavements or enjoys our many parks and public open spaces.

"The regulations set out in the PSPO will support us in this aim, by further extending our enforcement officers' powers to deal with the small minority of irresponsible dog owners who persistently fail to properly control or pick up after their pet."

People can find out more at [www.daventrydc.gov.uk/pspo](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/pspo)

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