

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Specified land within the administrative area of South Somerset) Order [2011]

South Somerset District Council has made an Order under the above Act. It applies to land (as specified below) throughout the administrative area of South Somerset, subject to the statutory applications and exemptions.

From the 01 July 2011 a person who being in charge of a dog, without reasonable excuse, does not remove faeces deposited by the dog at any time, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

The offence does not apply to persons who are registered blind; or to a deaf person in respect of a dog which has been trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People; or to a person who has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects in respect of a dog trained by Dogs for Disabled, Support Dogs or Canine Partners for Independence and upon which he relies for assistance.

This Order will apply to the following land:

1. Land owned by or controlled by South Somerset District Council.
2. Land owned by or controlled by any Town or Parish Councils within the administrative area of South Somerset District Council.
3. Highway Land (as defined in the Highways Act 1980) in Somerset County Council's ownership, to include any road carriageway, footpath, bridleway, cycle track, footbridge, pedestrian subway or underpass and any adjoining verges.
4. Land owned or controlled by Recreational Ground Charities within the South Somerset District Council administrative area.

This Order will not apply to:

5. Land in private ownership.
6. Land held by a Charitable Trust but not falling within paragraph 4 above, (that owned or controlled by Recreational Ground Charities) within the South Somerset District Council administrative area.
7. Access Land (as defined in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) within the South Somerset District Council administrative area.
8. Land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967.

The Order may be inspected at and copies obtained from: The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT

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