



Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)

- ❑ What are they & why do we need them

The majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs and the council does not want to prohibit them from enjoying the open spaces that Cardiff has to offer. However, as you may be aware there are persistent issues across Cardiff, specifically where dog faeces are not being removed by dog owners.

In order to tackle issues of irresponsible dog ownership, particularly dog fouling, the Council has the authority to implement a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

A PSPO can prohibit or restrict certain activities and are designed to ensure that the law abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

The purpose of the PSPOs will be to enforce responsible dog ownership.



A PSPO would replace the current outdated byelaws and restrictions that are currently in place.

The PSPO can last for 3 years and if breached an authorized officer could issue a Fixed Penalty Notice up to £100, which if not paid could be increased to £1000.



Further info

- ❖ For all the **legal stuff from council** go to <http://bit.ly/PSPOCardiff>
- ❖ **Discussion** on Facebook <http://bit.ly/CardiffDogActionFB>
- ❖ **Cardiff Dog Action** <https://cardiffdogaction.weebly.com/>

PSPO

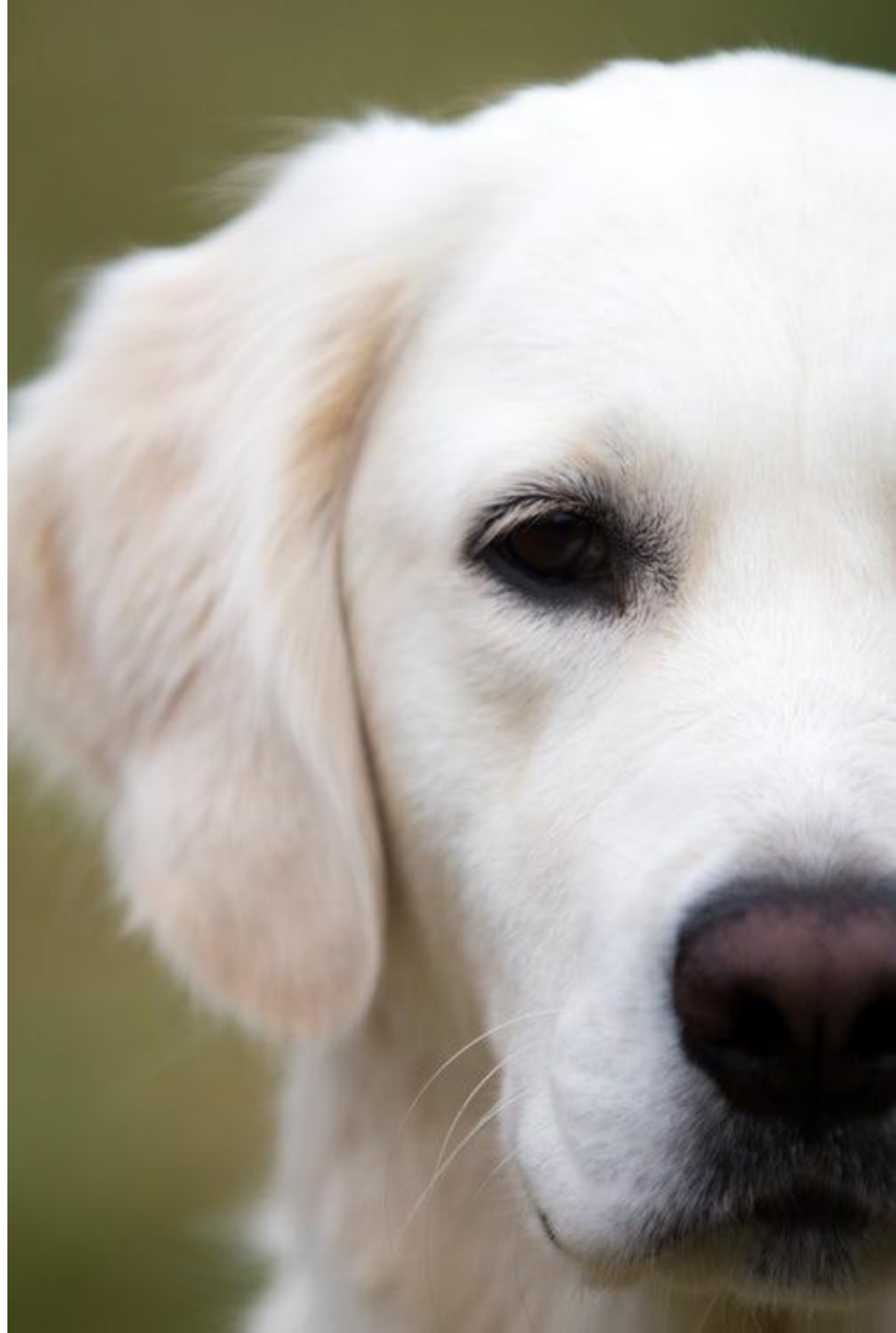
Recommendations

Prohibition of dog fouling in all public spaces owned and/or maintained by the Council

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of media and dog fouling fine stickers placed on street furniture at key locations of concern.

Requirement for a dog owner to have a means of clearing dog fouling

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and via a period of education.



Exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds and schools, which are owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of signs on all gate to enclosed playgrounds and where schools have indicated they have an issue with dogs on their property.

Requirement that dogs are kept on a lead within all cemeteries owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of signs on all gates to cemeteries.



Requirement allowing authorized officers to give a direction that a dog(s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and via a period of education.

Fixed penalty notice charge for a breach of a Public Spaces Protection Order for dog controls, as set out above, is set at £100

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and all signs will identify where information on fines can be found.

Dog controls will be exempt for persons who have a disability that affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity and upon which the person relies for assistance

- ❖ This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and all signs.



Note: Service Area will develop an enforcement webpage, including the Cardiff App, where fine levels can be reviewed by citizens.

Opportunities to support PSPOs

- ❖ Cabinet Member quarterly meetings with dog ownership groups to engage on promoting good behaviour.
- ❖ EqlA aligned by working with Guide Dogs Cymru.
- ❖ Promotion of 'Green Dog Walkers' through Love Where You Live campaign. License now purchased to promote this in Cardiff.



Timeline

- ❖ Legal preparation of PSPO: Apr–Sept 2019
- ❖ Media on new PSPO: Sept–Oct 2019
- ❖ Implementation of PSPO signage to support enforcement: Oct 2019

