



Dogs on Beaches

A cleaner, safer neighbourhood. We all want it. We can all help to achieve it.

Did you know there are some beaches in the Waveney District where dogs are banned?

There are also areas of beach where dogs must be kept on a lead.

This leaflet explains the scope and extent of these restrictions.

WANT TO TAKE YOUR DOG ON THE BEACH?

Dog owners have rights. The Council recognises that part of the pleasure of owning a dog comes from taking it for walks.

In a seaside area, this means walking your dog on the beach, sometimes without having to keep it on a lead.

WANT TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY ON THE BEACH?

Other beach users have rights too. For example, it is reasonable for beach users to expect to be able to enjoy the beach all year round unmolested by dogs.

These controls try to balance the rights of these groups of beach users so that they can both enjoy our beautiful beaches without affecting the enjoyment of others.

DOGS ON BEACHES

There are areas of beach where dogs are not allowed during spring and summer.

At other times, dogs must be kept on a lead on these areas of beach.

The details are as follows:

Dogs are BANNED from the following beaches between 1st May & 30th September (inclusive):

LOWESTOFT BEACH

Between the South Pier, southward to a point adjacent to the CEFAS building.

SOUTHWOLD BEACH

From a point adjacent to the northernmost extremity of the promenade (at the northern end of the beach huts) to a point adjacent to the East Street steps (just below the Sailor's Reading Room).

KESSINGLAND BEACH

From a point at the eastern end of Coastguard Lane, 240 metres northwards to a point north east of the concrete slope into the holiday bungalows.

CORTON BEACH

From a point to the east of Baker's Score, southwards to a point to the east of Tibbenham's Score.

Dogs taken onto these areas of beach outside these periods (i.e. from 1st October to 30th April) MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD.

There are signs at points of entry to the beach marking the extent of these areas.

These areas represent approximately 1½ miles of the 26 miles of coast in the Waveney District.

WHO ENFORCES THESE RULES?

We employ people to patrol the beaches and ensure that these rules are respected.

The maximum penalty for disregarding them is £1000. We may issue a "Fixed Penalty Notice" (£80) as an alternative to prosecution.

We will not enforce these rules against registered users of disability assistance and medical assistance dogs.

CONSULTATION

We would like to know what you think about these aspects of dog control. If you would like to make a suggestion or a comment, please write to us at the address at the foot of this leaflet or eMail:

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