

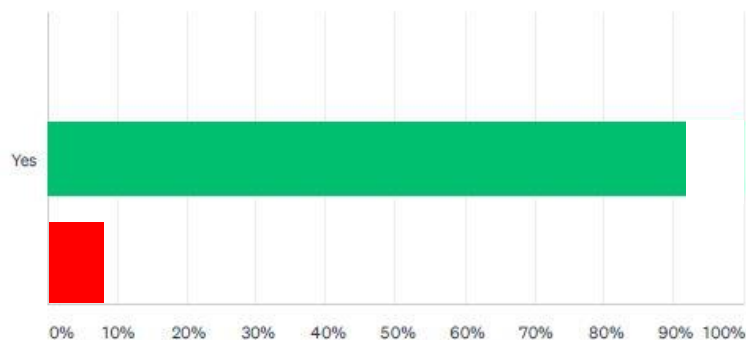
Public Highway - Responsible Dog Ownership – Dogs on Leads

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Answered: 770 Skipped: 357



Comments Received

Comments (68) *People were asked to comment if they disagreed. [to view click on arrow]*

1. Dog owners should be allowed to use their common sense. The majority of us should not be restricted by the actions of a minority.
2. Most dog owners know when their dog can be off the lead. You should not be trying to take this decision away from the owner
3. If someone has control over there dog then it's ok, the problem is people with dogs off lead out of control, this happens wether in a field, beach or road.
4. If the dog is under control no need for a lead.
5. Would never dream of allowing my dog to walk. Un safe for them and motorists. Does not take much to scare a dog and make it bolt
6. Dogs should be kept on a lead in any public space at all times. See comments from previous sections
7. Dogs should be kept on leads on all public highways. My dog doesn't always get on with other dogs. He's always on the lead. It annoys me when people are walking along roads ect with their dogs off the lead. They have no control if anything happens. Why would you change it? Commonsense people. Not rocket science

8. It's about control. My dog walks to heel. Certain times of the day, or night, in certain public highways, she does not need to be on a lead. Don't agree with blanket bans.
9. The dog doesn't have to be on a lead to be under control
10. Well trained and well controlled dogs should not be branded in this way. Many car drivers break traffic law but this does not lead to banning drivers from the road. So don't group all dog owners as poor ones.
11. NO. NEW ORDERS MUST INCLUDE CLEARLY DECISIONS ON WHERE DOGS CAN BE OFF LEADS ON RECREATION AREAS AND PROMENADE, SUCH AS IN EAST COWES. WHERE RECREATION GROUNDS ARE UNFENCED AND/ DEMARCATED FROM HIGHWAY . DOGS NEED TO HAVE SAFE AREAS TO BE ALLOWED TO RUN LOOSE BUT CLEARLY DEMARCATED FROM PLAY AREAS AND HIGHWAYS
12. Not necessary. Dog owners should decide for themselves
13. I do not agree. As a responsible/considerate dog owner of over 40 years I have seen numerous occasions where dogs off the lead with irresponsible/inconsiderate owners (of which there are many) harass and at times attack other dogs and their owners. A dog is only 100% under control when it is on a lead with a suitable/responsible individual holding the lead. Examples: I have seen many dog owners with their dog/dogs off the lead walking, very often long distances behind them, with the result that the dog/dogs foul the area and because the owner is not in close control or proximity to the dog, the "poo" is not seen and therefore left for someone to tread in!!! What good is it having an order that prohibits dogs on a beach during a certain period of the year when dogs are allowed to walk along, for example on Sandown/Shanklin Revetment off the lead with the result that they are not under 100% control. Some of these dogs therefore are at liberty to run or jump down onto the beach from which they are supposed to be excluded. I have seen that on many occasions. Dogs should be on a lead on any path/area adjacent to a beach during the exclusion period of 1st May to 30th September. Once again it is no good having a specific order if it is not policed. Oh and of course the Island does not even have a Dog Warden so precisely who is going to police these orders? My recommendation is that the civil enforcement officers who presently police car parking should have their remit extended to include fix notices for Dog Fouling, Dogs off lead/not under control and the dropping of litter. Other councils on the mainland have introduced these powers to their CEOs so why can the Isle of Wight Council not do the same? Please do not give the excuse of funding as we seem to have plenty of money when it comes to resurfacing car parks that are in perfectly good condition!!!
14. There are many small roads where I don't think dogs need to be on a lead if they are walking to heel etc.
15. I would like to add that just having dogs on a lead is probably not good enough. Banning the use of extendable leads on public highways might also need looking at
16. That depends on your situation. Me personally, I would have my dog on a lead for their own safety. Other owners have different situations and reasons for keeping their dog off lead.
17. But only on roadside's,. Open areas they should be able to be off-lead
18. No where is the definition of adjacent can be exceedingly subjective
19. Some dogs are well trained and this seems to be harsh. More important would be to have control of the kids rather than the dogs. And to make sure people are aware of their surroundings instead of having their noses attached to their mobile phones when wandering near the edge of pavements and crossing.
20. The FPN should be increased to £100 - £75 if paid within 5 working days
21. The majority of dog owners will do this as a matter of course to minimise risk to their pets. Dog owners are already required to insure their pets against third party liability in the event they cause an accident so unless there is evidence that this is a issue that needs to be managed, it is an unnecessary order.
22. Do not think it applies in all areas

23. There are certain times and places where this would constitute an unnecessary restriction on responsible dog owners who have control of their animals. The term adjacent pavements and verges is also restrictive and open to interpretation by any enforcement to their benefit.
24. What about small public parks should they be on leads in these small areas?
25. This is quite vague - eg footpaths, byways, pedestrian areas etc. If "road" is specified as above then OK, but it isn't on the first page.
26. No I do not agree.
27. All dogs should be on leads at all time unless they r in their own garden
28. It depends on whether the owner is able to control the dog. Some dogs will walk at the side of the owner & immediately obey commands. I think it should be worded 'on a lead or under the control of the owner'
29. See my previous comment which is self explanatory
30. Ok if only refers to roads, highways, pavements and road verges but not elsewhere.
31. All responsible dog owners know when and where to keep their dog on a lead. The council does not need to introduce an (ungovernable), order to enforce this.
32. No. Too wide a statement. Plenty of very quiet roads or pavements where this does not need to apply
33. To a degree I agree however I know many dogs who I trust 100% to walk off lead without straying, personally for safety my own dogs are always on lead near roads.
34. No I don't agree
35. I feel the owner has the best knowledge of dogs behaviour, and would be responsible with there judgement
36. No most dogs don't need this restriction, I have found that young children do though
37. Most dogs do not need to be on a lead.
38. Not necessary in this area, and most restrictive for anyone with any common sense
39. This is a draconian measure as a 'catch all' . There are many dog owners whose dog is fully under their control and does not require the restriction/constraint of a lead so as to ensure the safety of other persons or road users.
40. If the dog is under control this is not necessary
41. But who the hell do you think will enforce this? Certainly no-one on the Shanklin/Sandown cliff paths.
42. Too general
43. There are specific references in the order to "he" rather simply the owner of the dog - women walk dogs also. Please ensure the reference to gender is removed.
44. No
45. I feel that this should be left to the discretion of the responsible dog owner.
46. Yes but again it's never enforced. No dog should be walked along side any road if not on lead. Enforce it !!!!!!!!!!!
47. My dog walks well better off the lead, he walks by my side a.d never runs ahead. I mainly do this on quieter roads. I do put him on the lead when near main roads, in the presence of other dogs or busy areas. But I do like the freedom of not being pulled or dragged by a sudden stop and sniff
48. Just restricts a lovely responsible walk
49. Purely for general safety but "dogs under control" doesn't mean they need a lead!
50. If the dog is under complete control it shouldn't be a problem.
51. Need to remind and educate people that dogs on extending leads should be kept close as they can veer sideways st across the road when they are out in front of owner
52. Infringement of personal liberty. Responsible owners would have trained dogs on or near roads anyway. Let common sense prevail.
53. Too restrictive.
54. Disagree.
55. Dogs should and can be trained to walk safely off lead.

56. I believe a dog can be off the lead on a verge if it is under control
57. No
58. Change wording to 'under control' rather than being 'on a lead' would be better
59. Agree but length of lead needs to be addressed
60. Why
61. As stated previously when orders were first put in place, the majority of responsible dog owners are being penalised. Should young children also be enforced to have reins on highways - they too can run into the road unawares
62. So long as the dog is under voice command with its owner without a lead that's perfectly acceptable however the owner takes full responsibility for all the dog's actions.
63. What is the reason for this?
64. Don't understand the reasoning. The dog should be on a lead in areas where there is a safety issue for the dog - otherwise there is no problem
65. I'm a responsible dog owner. We need more dog wardens to challenge non responsible dog owners out please. I'm fed up with bad owners not having their dogs on leads when in towns.
66. Some people can control their dog very safely on roadside verges and pavement, also the council has ruled to deal with this, but choose not to.
67. Dog owners should not be in danger of being criminalised for a civil offence
68. I disagree. Some dogs are perfectly safe to be off the lead along a pavement. It's about control, I think a better option would be to bring in orders with regards to out of control dogs, no matter where they are.