

Dog Law & You

Contacts & Advice

If you require any advice on the following:

- Stray dogs
- Dog fouling
- No fouling signs
- Supply of poop scoops
- Dangerous dogs
- Rehoming

Please contact the **Animal Warden Service, Town Hall,
Library Street, Wigan WN1 1YN**

Phone: **01942 703401**

Other Useful Numbers

RSPCA	08705 555 999
Dogs Trust	0151 480 0660
Leigh Dogs & Cats Home Ltd	01942 671215
Manchester Dogs Home	0161 205 2874
Bolton Dogs Home	01204 526 486
Leigh/Wigan Police Station	0161 872 5050
Local Veterinary Surgeons	See phone directory



Stray Dogs

A stray dog is any dog in a public place without their owner or a responsible person. Strays can cause problems such as road accidents, injuries, become aggressive or foul.

Wigan Council has a duty to pick up stray dogs. The dogs are looked after for up to seven days and during that time can be collected, a charge of £25 (within the first 24 hours) or £46 (after one to seven days). Costs at 2008.

Lost Dogs

Contact 01942 404364 and we will search our records for any strays matching the description of your dog. You can also contact Leigh Dogs and Cats Home on 01942 671215 to check if your pet has been handed in. Other contacts include local vets, the Dogs Trust and the RSPCA.

Dangerous or Aggressive Dogs

Certain types of dogs are considered to be dangerous and are subject to specific rules about how they can be kept and how they are handled.

If you have been bitten by a dog you should have the bite treated at your nearest hospital as soon as possible.

If you have been attacked by a dog or think a dog is aggressive you should contact Greater Manchester Police on 0161 872 5050.

Identification

When a dog is in a public place it must wear a collar and tag, identifying the owner and giving contact details.

If you can no longer look after your pet you can get advice from the RSPCA on 0840 5555 999 or the Dogs Trust on 0151 480 0660.

Dog Fouling

It is an offence in Wigan Borough not to clean up if your dog fouls on land in the open including playing fields, footpaths, parks and cemeteries. If you are caught not cleaning up after your pet you can receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50 or be prosecuted and if found guilty can be fined up to £1,000.

You can put bagged dog waste in household waste bins, litter and dog waste bins which are provided in most parks and public spaces.

You should not throw poop scoops in canals, under shrubs, into trees or on any land. If you do and are caught you can receive a Fixed penalty of £80 or be prosecuted and if found guilty be fined up to £2,500.

Free poop scoops are available from Wigan Council contact 01942 404364.

