

Appendix 5

Do you agree or disagree with the continuation of the order that dogs must be placed on a lead if required by a Constable or an authorised officer within the areas shown on the map in Schedule 2?

If you do not agree, please tell us why in the box below.

Yes providing such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person.
Depends on what constitutes "authorised". Who would be authorised other than a police officer?
It could cause a disturbance, by that I mean an argument.
All dogs with agresive danger or nature should be on the lead
It should not apply on any private land, and only in specific, designated areas which have been securly fenced off with suitable signs to inform people that the order is applicable in that area.
I will only respond / engage with a uniformed police officer. I do not recognise an authorised officer to be the law
This should be much stronger. Shouldn't a dog be on a lead on a public footpath? Too often dogs bound up barking when one is out walking. The public should expect to be able to walk in the countryside in peace.
An out if control dig has already caused a nuisance, frightened someone or caused injury to person or another dog. Dogs should be on leads in public places.
Once again no provision for training of animal
No. I think there is already a law covering dangerous dogs and the police should be called
I believe any member of the public can request a dog to be put on a lead if they feel unsafe.
Is there enough authorised person to enable this to be put into practice?
What a constable considers "proper control" could be subjective. There are already so few places for dog walkers and having the freedom this will only empower these restrictions more and have a negative impact on dogs and their walkers
This seems hard to enforce - what is a reasonable scenario? Some members of the public are more concerned about dogs than others, but the dog owners have a right to use public spaces just the same as non dog owners. The dog being dangerous and aggressive in my opinion. Parks should be where dogs can be exuberant and run around
I have never seen an authorised officer to take such action. Both the police and the Dog warden were not interested when I reported my dog being attacked on two separate occasions
If you are trying to train you're dog and it is on a dropped long training line and the dog isn't listening and an officer comes and tells you to pick it up how are you ment to train you're dog.
All dogs should be kept on a lead when in a public places, when walking in the street, town, crowded public places. Unless they are in a field, park, woods, dog park, etc.

I've been asked to put my dog on a lead despite my dog just sitting with me. Neither I or my dog was doing any harm to anyone. We were in a busy dog friendly park but that does not mean that a well behaved dog is going to cause a problem.
Most have no idea of how to control a dog
I agree with the principle but I have an issue with the wording of this clause and the way that it is being enforced by some authorised officers. It is common knowledge that people are being issued with 'on the spot' fines in Gadebridge Park if they are in control of a dog which is off lead around the children's play area. What assurance can DBC give that owners will be given every opportunity to recall their dog and put them on the lead if requested to do so?
Only if a good reason can be present as to why
As the owner of a small dog who is on a lead all the time when out, I think that this should apply to all dogs. The times dogs off leads come leaping towards my dog with owners screaming at their dog to avail. This nis made worst when there are more dogs with owners all off leads , it becomes a pack totally out of control.
because they are little Hitlers that should go and get a proper job
The need becomes subjective. Some dogs are more obedient than others
Dogs should be under control AT ALL TIMES
I think all dogs in public spaces should be on a lead
I do not agree with this as dogs need to be off lead in order to take adequate physical and mental exercisce which this measure would prevent. If people don't like dogs, I suggest that they move somewhere else that is dog free - I belive Antarctica is quite nice!
I think dogs should be on a lead at all times when In public spaces it's sometimes quite intimidating when out walking your own dog on a lead when other dogs are allowed over by owners too far away to have any control
Please ensure this as on Farm lands dog walkers as a buisness let their dogs off and cause a nuisance around piccotts end they have anything from 6 to 10 dogs running wild and does affect wild life they need to be banned from this area at piccotts end
My dogs have been attacked by off lead dogs with irresponsible owners. I walk my dogs in the Gadebridge park daily and know virtually all the other dog walkers but not all dog walkers are responsible and have no control of their off lead dog. IF a dog is on a lead then an owner should not allow off-lead dog should not run up to it
Dogs should be on leads in playgrounds and parks near to children and other park walk/cycle paths through the park.
The non dog owner is not always right, some kids behave worse, will they be made to have leads
Because I don't live in a police state look at Ukraine UA
I only think that a dog should have to be on a lead if it's dangerous
it can lead to abuse by people working for a private company to generate money and not actually to prevent a problem. People will keep their dogs on leads in areas where they are not allowed to be off the lead problem. Under which circumstances should dogs be on lead?
Only if the dog is causing problems

I do not believe that someone who does not know the dog knows whether they are being a nuisance or could cause annoyance to others. I do not believe by putting a lead on a dog always solves the problem.

Because DBC should not be in the fascist state business

The phrase "cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person" is too vague and allows anyone who simply doesn't like dogs to request that an officer demands their restraint. There needs to be more balance between the rights of dog lovers and dog haters.

Should be at ALL times

What constitutes to a dog off a lead to be a nuisance. It,s one person,s opinion against another.

Dogs should be on a lead at all times unless in a specially provided enclosed area to exercise the dog or it should be mandatory that it wears a muzzle. Not everyone likes dogs and even the owners are unable to predict their behaviour.

I dont agree.

Dogs should always be on a lead in public places unless the area is a nominated lead free area.area

Ideally dogs would be on a lead at all times regardless of whether or not an authorised officer has said so.

Compulsory that dogs are placed on a lead where children are present

In general I agree with statement, however it has been identified that the company currently used is over zealous and does not ask but fines people. It may be that they have a kpi to meet which is not in the publics interest and is not in keeping with the statement above.

My dog walks close to us and comes when called, some owners need training rather than their dogs

Presumably they would be required to have good reason to make the request.

A sign is not an authorised person

his dog? most dog walkers I see are female and some spend more time looking at their mobile phone than their dog.

A well behaved and obedient dog should not be compelled to be in a lead

This is useful and I primarily agree as long as the power and the judgement is not absued by the authorised person.

the wording is to vague does that mean if someone lives in a property owned by the council that a officer could make a owner put there dog on a lead in there garden. also would it be at the officers discretion or would there be guide lines as to what is considered as causing annoyance or disturbance

An order should be in place to mandate that dogs must be kept on leads on pavements. There are too many owners that don't use dog leads when walking dogs on pavements next to roads, house, schools etc.

Dogs are usually better exercised and happier off the lead. Giving an arbitrary person power over walkers seems unreasonable. Owners should have control over the dogs. In a case where cows are charging at walkers with dogs it is probably safer for everyone not to have the dog on a lead.

I agree only if there is a reason for the request and if the person issuing the request had a reasonable level of knowledge on dog behaviour
Because it is unreasonable to think everyone has total control over everything a dog does.
Only if the dog is a danger/viscious
All dogs in public places should be on a lead .
I would immediately put my dog on a lead if circumstances made it necessary. I don't need anyone to make that judgement on my behalf
Long leads should only be allowed in parks and country side, fines on the spot if they cannot comply.
Again this is covered under other acts of Parliament.Plus the order is too wide ranging, any area in Decorum, including my land.
Many times dogs run up to me barking and scaring me but owners just ignore it.
All dogs should be kept on a lead in public places at ALL times, unless: in a specified dog exercise area.
all dogs must be on lead at all time!!! It is nice to say dogs should exercise but most of the time they exercise on walkers who have not asked for anything!
totalitarianism -
If they have appropriate training in dog behaviour then I would agree
I think dogs should be put on leads when requested by members of the public also, not everybody likes dogs running around them and the green spaces in Dacorum are for all not just dog owners.
There should be enclosed specific dog parks
Dogs should be kept on leads in public places and parks if they are not sufficiently trained to return to their owners call. My children feel terrified when an unknown dog bounds up to them!
Affix to something suitable? Not sure about that wording or statement. I agree leads are necessary if a dog is being a nuisance to others including other dogs..
Give a legitimate reason, then yes of course. No good reason, then no.
A dog being off the lead and under control could be interpreted differently by different people and would like cause confrontation between dog owner and authorised person ie. A constable that doesn't like dogs making a dog owner put the dog on a leaf for there benefit even though the dog is fully under control
I feel that if a dog's owner knows their dog could be a danger to others in general, the owner should ne required by law to have their dog on a lead anyway and if really dangerous, the dog must be muzzled.
All dogs should be on leads in public places
I think the area is too broad and you need to specify only fields with livestock or children's playgrounds that dog's shouldn't be allowed offlead on. Your officers could target people out of boredom or vendetta as it stands
I don't agree unless it is absolutely clear when and where a dog must be on a lead.
Dogs should be on a lead all the time when out as most owners Don't have any recall
This should be only a person authorised and not someone demanding simply because they don't like dogs
I think all dogs walking on pavements should be on a lead

Who are they to tell people to keep there dogs on leads ?
There are many dogs that under the control of their owners being off the lead and the PSPO's need to have common sense when enforcing the rules
I agree that dogs out of control should be on a lead but some of these officers are asking to place dogs on a lead that are behaving themselves.
Should be "when in a public space" not wait to be told
My dog was attacked by another whilst on a lead. If she had been off less she could have run away. I want it to be my decision whether she is on or off less.
Dog owners are the minority of the people in the Borough, yet their dogs dominate public spaces. If the Council wants to act on their belief that it is advantageous for animal welfare reasons for dog owners to be able to exercise their dogs off lead in open spaces, then there should be specially designated fenced restricted areas where they should be allowed to do so. Anywhere else, dogs should be on leads at all times. This is necessary because the majority of owners are incapable of controlling their dogs when they are not on leads, and cannot stop them being a nuisance to the rest of the occupants of the Borough, particularly children.
In certain circumstance such as footpaths it should be compulsory and not only at the request of an authorised person.
If a genuine disturbance. Not over exhuberant PCSOs asking for little reason.
They should be on a lead at ALL times
NO COMMENT
Additionally some dogs associated with a piece of land may be on unfenced private land but their presence and behaviour can cause a nuisance to people lawfully using public footpaths either by the dogs on that land being off lead or tethered too close to the footpath to make the use of the footpath comfortable.
I think dogs should be kept on leads when out in public areas
Job worths are known to take things to extreme and not allow training of the animal
I agree and think more needs to be done when it is reported that someone is not able to control their dog. Morgan Steel at the ASB team does not take this seriously at all which is concerning. Dogs should have to be on leads.
However again a non dog owner or inexperienced dog person may not under a dogs behaviour and insist when not necessary
The principal is fine, the mechanism of a public order is a money making scam for dacorum and its third party companies.
I agree but my dog walks off lead and if I see anyone I don't know I always get him back to me.