

If your dog is not used to travelling long distances in a vehicle you may wish to practise with short journeys. If your dog gets travel sick you can discuss remedies with your vet, but make sure you have a non-spill bowl of water available, and take some towels! If you are taking a long journey, plan a few comfort breaks along the way. Make sure you allow fresh air to circulate through the car, and try not to travel during hot times of the day. If you are likely to be stuck in traffic on a hot day use screens, and keep windows open.

NEVER leave your dog alone in a hot car; it takes only minutes for a dog to die of heatstroke.

Keeping Others Safe!

- ◆ Dogs must be kept on a lead around livestock. If your dog attacks any animals you could be liable for any damage.
- ◆ The Dangerous Dog Act 1991 bans anyone from owning types of dog bred for fighting, such as the Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino and Fila Brasileiro.
- ◆ If ANY breed of dog behaves dangerously, (not just biting, but chasing and jumping at people) the owner can be prosecuted and the dog may well be destroyed.

Puppies



Female dogs should not be mated until they are at least 1 year old. They should produce no more than 6 litters in a lifetime and no more than 1 litter per year. Puppies cannot be sold until they are 8 weeks old and accurate records of sale must be kept.

“My goal in life is to be as wonderful as my dog already thinks I am”
-Toby & Eileen Green

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Keeping Paws on Patrol Under Your Control

All dog owners must provide:

- ◆ A good home
- ◆ A healthy diet
- ◆ A suitable environment
- ◆ Protection from cruelty, pain, injury, suffering and disease



We have many dog lovers in Gloucester, and as responsible owners we know we have to look out for our furry buddies, but we also have to make sure we consider our less furry neighbours. Paws on Patrol is about valuing dogs in the community, so they are a help not a hindrance!

Some people, particularly children, can be terrified of dogs. In peak times, such as during the school run, we kindly ask dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead, to prevent them running off and scaring children on their travels. If you or your dog wants to play with someone else's dog, it is polite (and wise!) to ask first. Just in case their dog is nervous of other people or pets.

To register for Paws on Patrol, visit www.safergloucester.co.uk,
Email: CDPartnership@gloucester.gov.uk or Call: 01452 396984

The Paw's Law when out and about!

- ◆ Dogs, by law, must be kept on leads under 6 feet in length on, or near, the road
- ◆ If someone from the Police or the Council asks you to put your dog on a lead, it is an offence not to do so.
- ◆ Dogs must not be taken into dog exclusion areas, such as children's play areas— **even** if on a lead.
- ◆ In a public place dogs must wear dog tags, with owner's name, address and if possible a telephone number. It is advisable to also have your dog microchipped, which can be done at Teckels Animal Sanctuary for £10, or at your local vet. Alternatively, Animal Magic can visit you at your home and microchip your dog for £12.

The Dog Mess Menace

Paws on Patrollers will be helping to promote Gloucester as a pet friendly, BUT clean City, to welcome tourists and make it a nicer place for us all to live in. Fines of up to £1,000 can be served for not picking up dog poo, but typically fixed penalty notices can be given of up to £80.

The Police and the City Council take dog fouling seriously and if Paws Patrollers notice hotspot areas, or see someone not picking up after a dog they should report the details to 01452 396396 and enforcement action can be planned.

You are not expected to approach the offending owner! Careful: If there are no dog bins, it is possible to use a public waste bin, but bagging and leaving on the street is still a littering offence!

Paws for Thought

Barking dogs can be a nuisance for neighbours, and if reported to Environmental Health it can lead to legal action and a fine for you!

Puppies will often cry at night when they first move in with you, and it is normal for dogs to bark in certain situations. To be a nice neighbour, here are some ways to consider silencing the woof:

- ◆ Slowly build up the time your dog is left alone so they get used to it
- ◆ Leave your dog some chews and toys so your dog does not get bored
- ◆ Leave the radio or TV on so your dog can hear human voices.
- ◆ Make sure your dog is well exercised and mentally stimulated so they sleep when you are out
- ◆ Local dog training classes may be able to help
- ◆ If your dog barks at movement outside, try closing the curtains or blinds (but make sure your house looks occupied)
- ◆ Try to check on your dog in the daytime, or ask a friend if they could pop round

When transporting your dog in a vehicle, make sure they are suitably restrained so they cannot distract you. You can buy seat belt harnesses' from a pet shop or use a dog cage, or a dog guard in the boot to prevent your dog jumping up. If your dog is loose on the seat you can be prosecuted under the Road Traffic Act!

