

Free identity microchipping
for all dogs owned
by Newham residents

A joint initiative operated
by the council and the police.



Please note that from 6 April 2008 the police no longer accept stray dogs.

If you have lost or found a dog please contact the council's animal welfare service and the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home lost dog hotline to report it as soon as possible.

If you have information about dogs being used for fighting or intimidation please contact the council's animal welfare service. Information received will be treated as confidential.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

Newham Council's animal welfare service
020 8586 9739

Newham Council's crime
and anti-social behaviour service hotline
0800 731 3300

Battersea Dogs and Cats Home
020 7622 3626
and lost dog hotline
0901 477 8477

RSPCA
0870 555 5999

Celia Hammond Animal Trust
(subsidised veterinary treatment and neutering)
020 7474 8811

Pet Log (microchip register)
0870 606 6751



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Information and
advice about your
responsibilities
as a dog owner
in Newham
and who to
contact with
dog-related
complaints.

**Responsible dog ownership
creates a safer environment for all**



You, your dog and the law

By law, you as an owner must:

- Be held responsible if your dog attacks a person
- Not let your dog be out of control or unattended in a public place
- Not allow your dog to stray
- Not allow your dog to be a nuisance to other people
- Be held responsible for your animal's welfare
- Ensure that your dog wears a collar and identity tag at all times in a public place

You face a fine of up to £5000 and a custodial sentence of up to six months if your dog is found in a public place without a collar and identity tag or if your dog strays repeatedly. You face prosecution if your dog attacks a person.

Responsible dog ownership

The council can advise you about dog ownership including training, chewing and socialisation.

We recommend that you and your new dog attend dog training classes as early as possible. These will help you both enjoy your time together. Details of your nearest class can be found in your local newspaper or at your local vet.

Microchipping

In addition to ensuring that your dog has an identity tag, it's a good idea to get either an identity microchip or an identity tattoo. These have two advantages:

- If your dog goes missing these forms of identification will help reunite you and your dog much quicker, even if it has been stolen.
- Tattoos and microchips will make your dog less attractive to thieves as these are permanent forms of identification that cannot be removed.

As a Newham resident we can microchip your dog for free as part of a special scheme to promote responsible dog ownership (normal cost of this service is around £25). To arrange for your dog to be micro-chipped call the council's animal welfare service during office hours or attend one of our special events.



Dangerous, aggressive and illegal dogs

In Newham we will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour linked to dogs. This includes: using dogs to intimidate other people, using dogs as weapons, allowing your dog to attack other dogs, dog fighting, baiting or encouraging your dog to cause damage to public property (including park benches and trees).

If a person is proven to be engaging in any of the above activities they will face serious consequences including fines of up to £5000 and/or six month's imprisonment.

If you have seen any of these activities taking place, or have any information that may be of help, please contact the council's animal welfare service. You can do this anonymously.

Pit Bull Terrier Type dogs.

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Amended 1997) it is illegal to own Pit Bull Terrier Type dogs in Britain (if it is not registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs Register).

Any dog that falls into the category of being a Pit Bull Terrier Type may be seized and the owner prosecuted.

If you suspect that you have unwittingly acquired a Pit Bull Terrier Type dog please contact the council's animal welfare service.

