

**The Chairperson and Members
South Central Area Committee**

Dog Warden Service

Aston Pound are currently contracted to Dublin City Council for the purpose of providing a Dog Warden Service and Dog Pound facility in accordance with the provision of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, the Control of Dogs (Amendment) Act 1992 and the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998. The contract was awarded following a tendering process. The agreement commenced on the first day of July 2017 and is initially for a period of one year with an option of extending the contract for a further three periods of one year each subject to an annual review. The contract has been further extended to 30th June 2019.

In 2018, 364 stray dogs entered the pound. 351 dogs were reclaimed or re homed. There has been a steady decline in the number of dogs entering the pound over the last seven years. 840 dogs entered the pound in 2011. The level of stray dogs has dropped by almost 50% since 2011; this greatly increases the chances of re homing the strays. It also shows that the Dog Wardens are effective in enforcing the Control of Dogs Act 1986. There has also been an increase in dogs being licenced.

There are three dog wardens working Monday to Friday and two at weekends. They cover the Dublin City Council administrative area and patrol the public domain and our parks to ensure dogs are under effective control and are licenced. The Dog Warden Service works very closely with the South Central Area Public Domain and Housing Staff to ensure compliance, under the Control of Dogs Act, in our housing complexes and public domain areas, including parks. Attached is a list of the 10 restricted breed of dogs banned from all Dublin City Council properties and estates since 1st July 2007. However, certain restrictions apply, see details on the attached list.

The fines for 2018 are listed below: -

There were 27 fines issued in the South Dublin area,
2 under Section 2 No Licence
2 under Article 5 No Muzzle
23 under Section 9 Ineffectual Control (9 of these fines were paid at the pound as reclaims).
In addition, the Dog Wardens would have issued large numbers of 10 day notices.

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