

Did you know?

- Dog fighting is illegal. Under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the following four types of dog were banned from the United Kingdom. However, any dog owner allowing any breed of dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place may be liable to prosecution.



Pit-bull Terrier



Dogo Argentino



Japanese Tosa



Fila Brasileiro

- The Pit-bull Terrier or crosses of this breed can be hard to identify, they are often mistaken for a Staffordshire Bull Terrier.
- The Metropolitan Police have trained experts who can identify Pit-bulls and their crosses/types.
- You should never leave any dog alone with a child especially babies.

How you can help

If you have a complaint about a noisy dog, dog fouling, dangerous dog, or a stray, please contact the Dog Warden Service: **020 8657 5410** or email **doginfo@croydon.gov.uk**



For concerns about the health or welfare of an animal, please call the RSPCA cruelty line: **0300 1234999**

If you have information about an organised dog fight, please call the Metropolitan police: **020 8649 1212**

For more information and factsheets about all aspects of responsible dog ownership, including neutering, and microchipping, please call Dogs Trust on **020 7837 0006** or visit **www.dogstrust.org.uk**

All contacts will be treated confidentially.



Borough Action for Responsible K9s



Together for a
Safer Croydon





Who we are

Borough Action for Responsible K9s (BARK) consists of the police, the RSPCA, and Croydon Council. It is a forum to tackle the issues surrounding the irresponsible ownership and mistreatment of dogs.



Aims

- to educate the community on dog welfare and the implications of irresponsible ownership.
- to prevent antisocial behaviour linked to the misuse of dogs.
- to prevent dogs being mistreated.
- to protect the community from criminal and antisocial activities linked to irresponsible dog ownership, using legislation where necessary.
- to provide advice, assistance and information.

What we do

Reassure

BARK will be holding events to promote awareness of legislation, and to provide advice and assistance on dog ownership. We want to reassure residents that we are addressing that the issues relating to dangerous dogs, and other dog-related nuisances.

Share intelligence

We share of relevant information amongst BARK members to tackle dog related issues.

Prevent

We carry out school and group visits to educate young people in responsible pet ownership, and the laws affecting dog owners and potential dog owners. We put up new signs and carry out regular patrols in areas where persistent dog nuisance has been reported.

Enforce

We carry out our patrols to enforce the Control of Dogs Act, and issue fines to repeat offenders. We may seize prohibited breeds and dangerous dogs, make home visits and issue warning letters.



There is a new piece of legislation, the Animal Welfare Act 2006. Under which you must:

- Provide an adequate diet, fresh water, protection from ill health, freedom to express natural behaviour and suitable housing for all animals in your charge.
- No animals are to be sold to anyone under the age of 16 or be given as prizes without an adult present.
- It is now illegal to mutilate an animal (any procedure that involves interfering with the sensitive tissues or bone structure of an animal) other than for medical purposes.
- It is also the case with tail docking; it is now against the law to dock a dog's tail unless it can be proven that it is a working dog or for medical reasons.

Anyone who does not provide for an animal's welfare needs or who is cruel may be banned from owning animals, fined up to £20,000 and/or sent to prison.

Under the **Control of Dogs Order 1992**, you must have a collar and tag, which states the name and address of the owner, on the dog at all times in a public place.

Under the **Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005**, you must remove any faeces made by your dog in a public place.

It is a criminal offence not to adhere to these laws.