

UNWANTED AND STRAY DOGS

Stray dogs may be seized by the dog warden and brought to the dog shelter where they will be kept for 5 days. Dogs that are not claimed within 5 days are re-homed or put to sleep. If your dog has strayed or is missing you should contact Offaly County Council to ascertain if it has been picked up by the warden.

- If your dog has been picked up, you will have to pay a reclaim fee of €25 and €15 per day or part-day boarding charges.
- If you do not have a current dog licence, it will be necessary to purchase one prior to reclaiming your dog.
- Failure to keep your dog under effectual control can lead to an on-the-spot fine of €30. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €1,900 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

Unwanted dogs should be brought to the dog pound where they may be surrendered for €25.

Re-homing

If you are able to give a dog a home, visit the Council's website to view the dogs currently available for re-homing. You may visit the dog pound during opening hours. NO dog can leave the pound without an up-to-date dog licence.



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seized by the warden

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YOUR DOG IS FOR LIFE!
BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

For more information on dog control, restricted breeds and the
Offaly Dog Warden Service, log on to www.offaly.ie

Dog Pound, Cappincur, Tullamore – 057 9351181
Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am until 1pm • Closed Wednesdays

Environment & Water Services Section – 057 9357403



Offaly County Council

Responsible
DOG
OWNERSHIP



your free guide on how to
BE A BETTER DOG OWNER

DOG FOULING

Dog faeces is an environmental and public hazard. Allowing dogs to foul in public places is anti-social and totally unacceptable. Under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, dog owners are legally obliged to clean up after their pets if they foul in public places, for example, on the street or in parks and playgrounds.

If you do not clean up after your dog you are liable to receive an on-the-spot fine of €150. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €3,000 if convicted.



your dog's business is YOUR business

Licensing AND CONTROL

It is an offence to keep a dog unless you have a licence. All dogs over 4 months must have a licence and you must be over 16 years of age to license a dog. An annual **single dog licence** is available from your local post office or online at www.offaly.ie and costs €20. A **lifetime dog licence** is available for €140 per dog. A **general dog licence** costs €400 for an unspecified number of dogs and is valid for one year from the date of issue. Both are available for purchase from Offaly County Council. If you have six female dogs capable of breeding, you must register as a **Dog Breeding Establishment** with Offaly County Council.

NOTE: these fees may be subject to change in accordance with national legislation but are accurate as of January 2013.

If you do not have a licence you are liable to receive an on-the-spot fine of €30. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €1,900 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.



You MUST have a licence to have a dog



don't let YOUR dog cause a nuisance

Noise POLLUTION

Excessive barking that causes a nuisance is a legal offence. If you are bothered by persistent barking, talk to the owner in question. If this does not work, you can lodge an official complaint with your local District Court under Section 25 of the Control of Dogs Act, 1986.

You must notify the owner of the dog prior to making a complaint. A copy of the "Notice of Intention to make a Complaint to the District Court" can be obtained from the Council.



your dog MUST wear an identification tag

DOG TAGS

All dogs must carry identification in the form of a badge or plate attached to their collar bearing the name and contact details of the owner.

If you do not have identification for your dog, you are liable to receive an on-the-spot fine of €30. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €1,900 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.