

**The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**

**The Dog Control Orders  
(Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006**

**The Dogs on Leads by Direction South Northamptonshire  
Council Order 2008**

South Northamptonshire Council (in this Order called "the Authority") hereby makes the following Order:

- 1. This Order comes into force on the [to be determined].
- 2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule below.
- 3. In this Order "an authorised officer of the Authority" means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

**Offence**

4.1 A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence, if at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given by an authorised officer of an Authority to put and keep a dog on a lead unless -

- a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of this land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

4.2 For the purpose of this article -

- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog; or
- (b) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person [on any land to which this Order applies] or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

**Penalty**

5. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Date

Chief Executive

Leads by  
Section  
Order

## Schedule

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, this order applies to all land which is within the administrative area of South Northamptonshire Council and which is –
  - i. Open to the air (which includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side); and
  - ii. to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment; and is not land for which dogs are required to be kept on leads by virtue of The Dogs on Leads South Northamptonshire Council Order [to be determined].
  
2. Excepted from the description in paragraph 1 above is:
  - i. land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967; or
  - ii. agricultural land.