

Keeping a dog

Our advice on keeping a dog
and avoiding dog nuisance



We are usually happy for you to keep a dog if it is well looked after and doesn't disrupt your neighbour's lives.



Tips on good dog ownership

Dog nuisance can usually be avoided through good ownership. We support the work of 'Dog Trust' (the UK's largest dog welfare charity) and their recommendations on how to be a good dog owner.

Your primary responsibility as a dog owner is to provide your dog with everything he needs in a caring and loving home environment.

Like humans, dogs need company, so do not leave him/her alone all day. Dogs that become lonely and bored are more likely to bark and become destructive.

If you really care for your dog you will:

Train your dog properly

There are many good dog training classes that accommodate all ages and abilities or books which can give you advise on how to have a well managed dog.

Exercise regularly

You must be prepared to give your dog at least one good walk a day and set aside sufficient time to play. The amount of exercise and space a dog needs depends on the breed. Don't forget this when choosing your pet.

Feed sensibly

Commercial dog foods are formulated to supply all needs of the average, normal, healthy dog.

Specially formulated diets for dogs with special nutritional needs, such as rapid growth or older dogs are now easily available.

Provide veterinary care

Essential preventative veterinary care includes vaccination from around eight weeks of age (check with your vet), to protect against nasty diseases like Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus and Parainfluenza.

Neuter your dog

Neutering is the safest way to prevent unwanted puppies being born. It could save you

a lot of time and trouble and also bring recognised health, and in some cases behavioural benefits to your dog.

What we expect you to do

- Where needed, upgrade your fence to protect your dog and members of the public
- Muzzle your dog when outside if it's likely to snap at others.
- Look after your dog properly, worm regularly and apply flea treatment as advised by your vet
- Neuter or spay and microchip your dog
- Keep your dog under control at all times
- Keep your dog on a lead when in public/shared spaces
- Keep your dog away from children's play areas
- Put your dog in a different room (with the door closed) when being visited by our staff
- Do not chain and secure your dog in or outside any of our offices
- Do not leave your dog alone or unsupervised overnight or for long periods of time
- Pick up after your dog

Dangerous dogs and unlicensed breeding

- Dog fighting is illegal. If you know of somebody who you suspect to be involved with dog fighting, contact us or the police.
- Unlicensed breeding and the ownership of illegal breeds will not be tolerated. We deal with these issues in partnership with the police, RSPCA and local authorities throughout south London.
- The dangerous dogs act forbids the breeding of Pit Bull Terriers and Japanese Tosas and other dogs which may be specified by the Secretary of State.

Useful contacts

- To report a neglected animal contact the RSPCA.
- To report a lost or stray dog contact the London Borough of Bromley.
- To report a dangerous stray dog contact your local police - safer neighbourhood team.
- For support on environmental issues, noise nuisance and dog breeding contact us or your local authority.

● If you are suffering domestic abuse and concerned about re-housing your dog, call us and ask about free care for your pet whilst you're moving.

RSPCA
080705 555 999
www.rspca.org.uk

London Borough of Bromley
020 8464 3333

To contact your local safer neighbourhood team visit:
www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods or call Bromley police station on 01689 891 212.

Local and national animal welfare organisations

Animal Samaritans
020 8303 1859

Bat Conservation Trust
0845 130 0228

Battersea Dogs Home
020 7622 3626
www.battersea.org.uk

Beaver Water World
01959 577 747

Cats Protection League-
Bromley
020 8402 8860

Dogs Trust
020 7837 0006
www.dogstrust.org.uk

Dog Trust - Freedom Project
0800 298 9199

Fax Project
01892 545 468

Friends of Animal League
(F.O.A.L. Farm)
01959 572 386

Kent Bat Group
01580 241 392

London Wild care
020 8647 6230

PDSA
0800 917 2509
www.pdsa.org.uk

Royal Society for the Protec-
tion of Birds:
020 8462 5165

RSPCA Advice Line
0300 123 4555

RSPCA Cruelty Line
0300 123 4999

Spring Park Dog Training
School:
020 8302 1655

How to contact us

Contact details for Broomleigh residents

Telephone: 020 8313 3310
Typetalk: 18001 020 8235 7000
Out of hours: 01444 870 065
Email: customerservice@affinitysutton.com

Or you can write to us at
Maple House, 157-159 Masons Hill, Bromley
Kent, BR2 9HY

Contact details for Downland residents

Telephone: 0845 688 7717
Typetalk: 18001 0845 688 7717
Out of hours: 0845 688 9500
Email: customerservice@affinitysutton.com

Or you can write to us at
PO Box 850, Bromley, Kent BR2 9BU

Contact details for William Sutton Homes residents

Telephone: 0845 217 8601
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Out of hours: 08000 282 127 (Hertsmere only)
Out of hours: 0845 688 9550 (all other residents)
Email: customerservice@affinitysutton.com

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