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Animal Health Act- Reminder

- ➔ Free Roaming Dogs – Latch Key Dogs
- ➔ Problems with ? (Fouling / arriving/ coming up to people / rubbish bags – domestic and commercial / road safety – users and the dog itself)
- ➔ Remedies ?

- ➔ Is the Owner / Person responsible failing in their “Duty of Care” under Section 9 of the Act ?
- ➔ Are the Dogs’ needs being met to the extent of good practice?
- ➔ Does it have a suitable environment ?
- ➔ Code of practice for the Welfare of Dogs
- ➔ Is it protected from injury ?

- ➔ Can you serve an Improvement Notice under Section 10 of the Act ?
- ➔ Yes

Compliance /Non Compliance

➔ What if non Compliance?

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Recent Case

➔ Interesting Result !

Stray dog costs Stroud woman over £2,500

- ➔ Cheltenham Magistrates fined Linda Chapman of Glebe Road, Minchinhampton £2000, added a victim surcharge of £120 and awarded Stroud District Council its full costs of £425.
- ➔ Stroud District council brought the prosecution after residents complained that the black and white male Border Collie, Doodles, was roaming freely, fouling, damaging refuse bags and obstructing traffic

The council had previously issued warnings to Ms Chapman but decided that in allowing him to repeatedly run into the road she was failing to provide a suitable place for him to live, breaching the rules of the Animal Welfare Act 2006

- ➔ Jon Beckett, the council's Head of Environmental Health, said: "Although a stray dog can cause obvious problems across local communities, it is also clear that there are very serious potential implications for the dog itself.
- ➔ "In this instance it was reported that the dog had been involved in near-miss traffic incidents and had been eating from refuse sacks which could potentially contain harmful substance. Additionally, the area in question is also enclosed by cattle grids which can cause serious injury to dogs.
- ➔ "Ms Chapman was provided with a number of chances to ensure Doodles' safety but regrettably chose to ignore them, resulting in this matter going to court