Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Agenda Item No. 11 - The Introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Place of Dog Control Orders

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Kidderminster

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

The Introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Place of Dog Control Orders

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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 – Summary of Survey		
	Results and comments		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report outlines the results of a public consultation exercise undertaken over a 10 week period commencing on 19 June 2017 about the proposed introduction of a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in the District.
- 1.2 The results of the consultation exercise will contribute to the decision making process on whether or not the Council wishes to implement a PSPO using powers contained within the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This would be in place of existing Dog Control Orders.
- 1.3 In June 2017, Cabinet delegated authority to the Corporate Director Community Well Being and Environment, in consultation with Councillor Rebecca Vale, Cabinet Member for Operational Services to undertake a comprehensive consultation exercise in line with the powers.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Cabinet that:

- 2.1 In response to the positive support for measures to control dogs, a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is made in the Wyre Forest District, under powers contained within the Anti –Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, commencing 1 October 2017 for a period of 3 years on the basis set out in the report.
- 2.2 That the fixed penalty amount shall be £100 for each notice issued

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In June 2017 Cabinet considered a report relating to the introduction of a PSPO which_allows authorities to deal with a type of antisocial behaviour in a particular area where it is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, is of a continuing or persistent nature and is unreasonable.
 - It can prohibit certain things or require specific things to be done. A PSPO may be introduced **only** after a meaningful period of consultation and must be widely promoted and publicised if it is introduced.
- 3.2 A consultation exercise was widely promoted in June 2017 and an online survey was completed by 927 people by the deadline of 3 September 2017. The survey was also promoted through the Council's Countryside and Conservation teams across its Nature Reserves and SSSI's (Sites of Special Scientific Interest). Key stakeholders and partners were directly contacted, including Parish and Town Councils, the Chief Officer of Police for the local area, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Land Owners in the area. In addition to the comprehensive promotion of the online survey, Council Enforcement officers undertook a drop in session in each of the towns across the District in July.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The full results of the survey are attached as appendix 1; however, in summary the table below shows the extent to which each issue was supported or other wise.

		Percentage
Q	To what extent to do agree/disagree that :-	agree or strongly agree
1.	the Council should have the power to make sure a person	97%
2.	in charge of a dog, cleans up after it	9170
2.	there should be a new offence that would mean dog walkers could receive a fine if they don't have the means	86%
	to pick up their dog's poo	
3.	dogs should be kept on a lead in	
	Kidderminster Cemetery	88%
	QE2/Jubilee Gardens	70%
4.	a dog should be placed on a lead when asked to do so by	
	an authorised person on public land	84%
5.	The number of dogs one person may have under their	Yes = 60%
	control in a place to which the public have access should	
	be limited	
6.	How many dogsone person should be allowed to have	Up to $2 = 33\%$
	under their control at a time	Up to $3 = 38\%$
		Up to 4 = 25%
7.	There should be a new offenceexcluding dogs from	86%
	certain areas e.g. children's play areas	
8.	Dogs should be excluded from :-	
	Fenced off play areas	Yes = 99%
	Splash pads/water play areas	Yes = 95%
9.	the penalty for committing an offence should be £100	76% = about right

10.	the Council should have the power to make sure a person	85%
	in charge of a dog cleans up after it on all land in the	
	District to which the public has access	
11.	areas that it is ok not to clean up after your dog – missing	Forested areas,
	info	farm land, deeply
		rural areas – "stick
		and flick" is
		acceptable

- 4.2 67% of survey respondents were dog owners, with 73% living in post codes DY 10, 11 and 12 and 63% of responders walked their own dog.
- 4.3 In addition to the survey responses, 467 individual comments were received. A number of respondents identified a lack of bins as an issue and frequently mentioned areas where further bins would assist the problem. For example Northwood Lane, Trimpley Reservoir, Spennells, Habberley Valley and Rifle Range.
- 4.4 Several people would like to see more dog zones where they can run off the lead in an enclosed area. Others mentioned the increasing habit of bags being left after dog mess has been picked up. This is a littering offence and will be addressed as part of ongoing education campaigns when residents will be reminded that dog poo can be disposed of in normal litter bins.

There were a number of comments about dog owners who claim their dog never fouls while out walking and therefore they think they should not be penalised for not having bags.

- 4.5 There was frequent mention of certain areas where dogs were not in control, for example Hurcott Wood, St George's Church and some other churchyards, Marlpool Lane and park and generally in Stourport. Respondents also mentioned over 14 specific "hotspot" areas where dog fouling is considered to be persistent and requiring attention. The enforcement team will endeavour to address these particular concerns.
- 4.6 A number also referred to the practice of "stick and flick" which is sometimes adopted by the Forestry Commission and seen as appropriate in less obviously public places. This is not something that officers are looking to encourage in Wyre Forest at the current time. The Council would prefer to get the message out to dog owners to educate them to "pick up".
- 4.7 In most areas there is clear support for the requirements of a PSPO. In terms of the number of dogs that can be under the control of an individual, 60% of respondents agreed that the number should be limited. However, there was a split in terms of agreement on what that number should be with the most popular being a limit of 3 dogs, with 38% of respondents favouring this. In view of this, the proposed PSPO will not limit the number of dogs one person can have under their control. This element will be reviewed after three years.
- 4.8 Many respondents also commented about concerns in the overly robust enforcement by Council officers and indeed the capacity to enforce over such a large area.

- 4.9 It is proposed that the PSPO incorporate the following:
 - Fouling on all publicly accessible land in the administrative area
 of the Council (This would include nature reserves, agricultural
 land with rights of way and private land accessed by the public)
 where dog faeces is not picked up and properly disposed of
 - Exclusion of dogs from fenced off play areas, including splash parks (where applicable).
 - Requirement for provision of a means, or suitable receptacle, to pick up dog faeces.
 - Control of dogs by being kept on a lead in Kidderminster Cemetery and Queen Elizabeth II Gardens, Bewdley.
 - Control of dogs by direction of an authorised officer on all publically accessible land in the administrative area of the Council.
- 4.10 Unless specified, the PSPO will cover any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission (s 74(1) of the Act). This means that the measures will also apply to agricultural land and Nature Reserves.
- 4.11 There will however be exemptions. For example the measures will not apply to assistance dogs used by the blind or by persons who lack the physical ability to comply with the requirements of the PSPO.
- 4.12 It is intended that the powers will be carried out by the Council's Community and Environmental Protection team primarily as well as any other designated authorised officer. The Community and Environmental Protection team is putting together a training programme so that other appropriate personnel can be authorised to carry out powers under the PSPO. This may include Canals and Rivers Trust personnel, Community Housing Wardens and Friends of Parks volunteers.
- 4.13 In accordance with the Act, the PSPO will cease to have effect after three years. However, that period can be extended for a further three years if, following a review, it continues to be necessary.
- 4.14 For a period of three months after the introduction of the PSPO Council officers will use their discretion and adopt an informal/educational approach to the enforcement of the new legislation. During this period a communication and social media campaign will run aimed at alerting the public to the new laws and to engage with the parishes, particularly on the issue of replacement signage and patrolling of hotspots.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of publicising the PSPO and relevant signs can be met from within existing operational enforcement budgets.

Income received through enforcement action is re-invested into the service and will be used on educational campaigns, bin installation and signage.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There is a requirement for publicity within the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014. These require that where a local authority has made a PSPO, they must publish it on its website, social media accounts and erect such notices as it considers sufficient to advise members of the public that the PSPO has been made and the effect of such an order.
- 6.2 Offences are dealt with by the issue of a fixed penalty notice requiring a set payment to be set at £100. However, failure to comply with either a prohibition, or requirement, within the order is an offence upon summary conviction (offences heard within the Magistrates Courts) for which defendants can face a fine not exceeding level three on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

7. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

7.1 There will be exemptions for protected characteristics identified within an initial Equality Impact Needs Assessment. For example the measures will not apply to assistance dogs used by the blind or by persons who lack the physical ability to comply with the requirements of the PSPO.

8. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

8.1 In a review of risks associated with the potential introduction of a PSPO it is considered that transparent communication with the public is essential to mitigate any risks of misinterpretation. It is also important to communicate the "soft" introduction of the new powers within the first three month period where officers will undertake educational activity and widespread promotion of the details of the PSPO.

9. **CONCLUSION**

9.1 Powers available within the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 give the Council the ability to tackle issues of community concern. The implementation of a PSPO utilises powers so that Civil and Environmental Protection Officers have the necessary tools to undertake enforcement action where necessary and proportionate. The overwhelmingly supportive responses to the consultation from dog owners indicate wide support for the proposals. It should be noted that any new powers will be proportionately enforced and will give officers extra power to enforce in persistently problem areas. The majority, who are sensible dog owners, will not be adversely affected by the introduction of a PSPO.

10. CONSULTEES

10.1 Cabinet

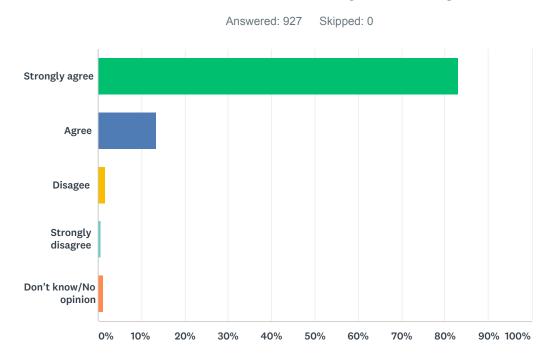
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11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

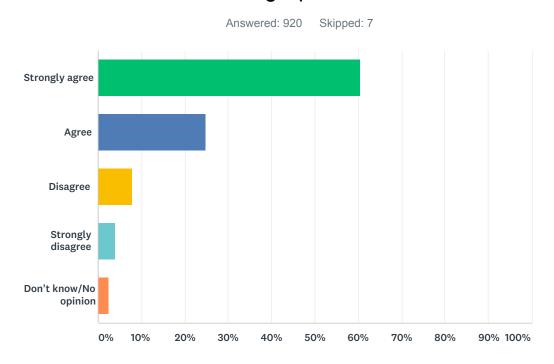
11.1 Cabinet Report June 2017

Q1 To what extent do you agree/disagree that the Council should have the power to make sure a person in charge of a dog cleans up after it?



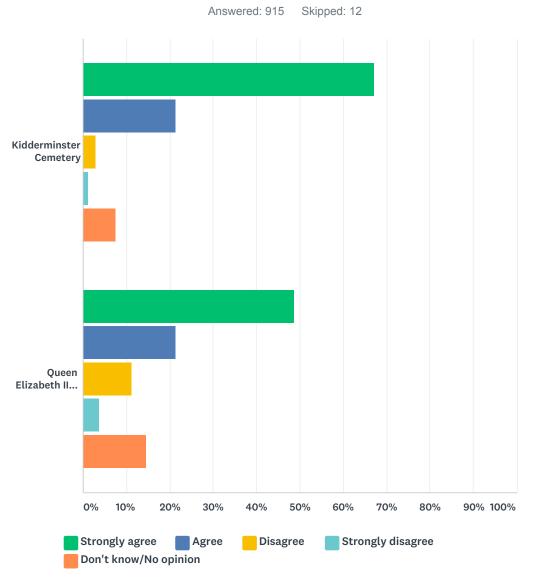
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	83.06%	770
Agree	13.48%	125
Disagee	1.62%	15
Strongly disagree	0.65%	6
Don't know/No opinion	1.19%	11
TOTAL		927

Q2 To what extent do you agree/disagree that there should be a new offence under a PSPO that would mean dog walkers could receive a fine if they don't have the means (e.g. bags, poop scoop) to pick up their dog's poo?



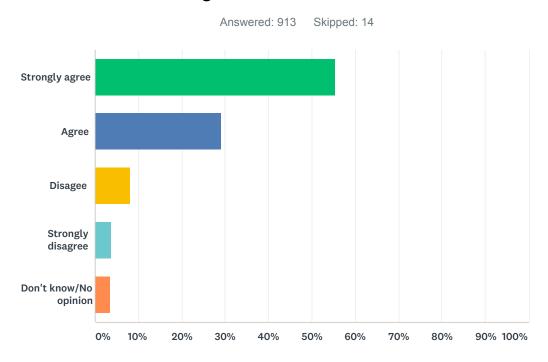
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	60.54%	557
Agree	25.00%	230
Disagree	8.04%	74
Strongly disagree	3.91%	36
Don't know/No opinion	2.50%	23
TOTAL		920

Q3 Wyre Forest District Council has received complaints regarding dogs off leads in the following areas. To what extent do you agree/disagree that dogs should be kept on a lead in...



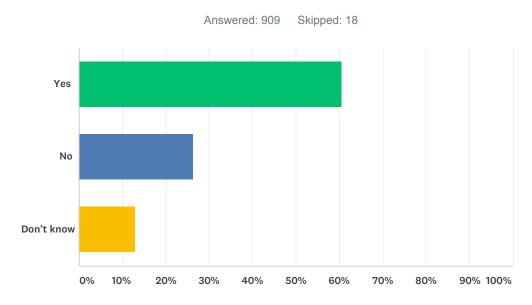
	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	TOTAL
Kidderminster Cemetery	67.07% 613	21.33% 195	2.84% 26	1.31% 12	7.44% 68	914
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Gardens in Bewdley	48.85% 445	21.41% 195	11.31% 103	3.84% 35	14.60% 133	911

Q4 To what extent do you agree/disagree that a dog should be placed on a lead when asked to do so by an authorised person on any public land, e.g. a Council Officer?



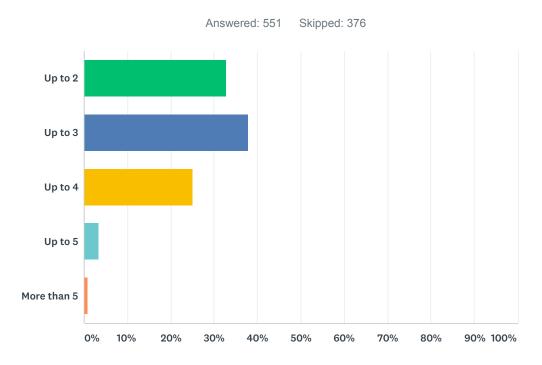
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	55.42%	506
Agree	29.03%	265
Disagee	8.21%	75
Strongly disagree	3.83%	35
Don't know/No opinion	3.50%	32
TOTAL		913

Q5 Do you think that the number of dogs one person may have under their control in a place to which the public have access should be limited?



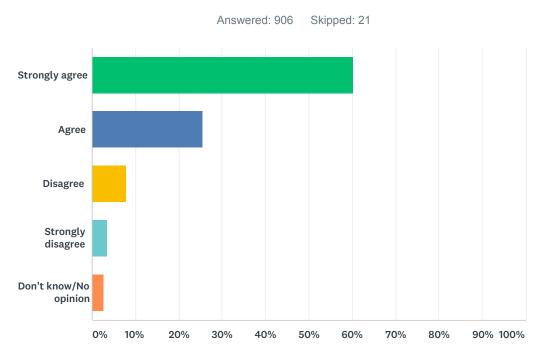
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.73%	552
No	26.29%	239
Don't know	12.98%	118
TOTAL		909

Q6 If Yes, how many dogs do you think one person should be allowed to have under their control at a time?



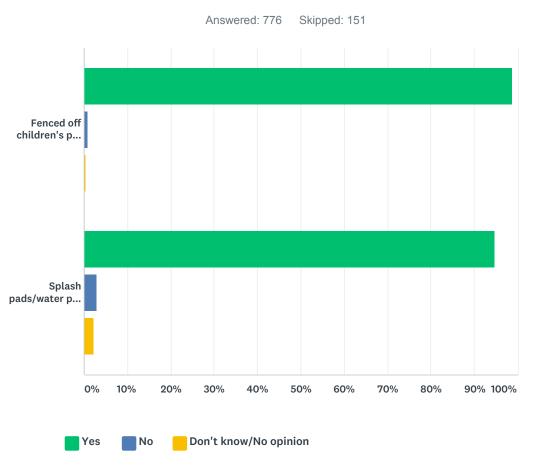
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Up to 2	32.85%	181
Up to 3	37.93%	209
Up to 4	25.05%	138
Up to 5	3.27%	18
More than 5	0.91%	5
TOTAL		551

Q7 To what extent do you agree/disagree that there should be a new offence under a PSPO excluding dogs from certain areas, e.g. children's play areas?



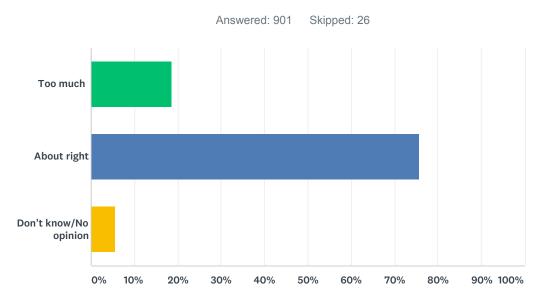
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	60.15%	545
Agree	25.61%	232
Disagree	7.95%	72
Strongly disagree	3.64%	33
Don't know/No opinion	2.65%	24
TOTAL		906

Q8 If you agree dogs should be excluded from certain areas, do you think they should be excluded from...



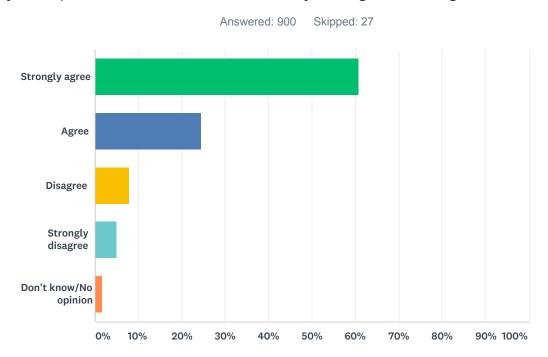
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION		TOTAL
Fenced off children's play areas	98.71% 766	0.77% 6		0.52% 4	776
Splash pads/water play areas	94.70% 733	2.97% 23		2.33% 18	774

Q9 Wyre Forest District Council suggests that the penalty for committing an offence under a PSPO should be a £100 fine (the legislation says this is the maximum). Do you think this is...



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too much	18.53%	167
About right	75.80%	683
Don't know/No opinion	5.66%	51
TOTAL		901

Q10 We are proposing that the Council should have the power to make sure a person in charge of a dog cleans up after it on all land in the district to which the public have access. This would include nature reserves, agricultural land with rights of way and private land accessed by the public. To what extent to you agree/disagree with this?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	60.78%	547
Agree	24.56%	221
Disagree	7.89%	71
Strongly disagree	5.00%	45
Don't know/No opinion	1.78%	16
TOTAL		900

Q11 If you disagree or strongly disagree – which areas of the district do you think it is ok for people not to clear up after the dog they're in charge of and why?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 813

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In bushes where people are not going to step on it I think that's ok	8/31/2017 6:34 PM
2	I think that in the country side, as long as the mess is not right where people walk it's ok. Like sheep cows etc. I.e. The stick and flick method. I am concearned about the amount of unbiodegradable bags full of poo that go into land fill sites. Pop is a natural substance after all.	8/31/2017 12:32 AM
3	Generally responsible dog owners will clean up after their dogs, and those that don't should be educated. Any council issuing a fine should use common sense and try to encourage people to clean up first.	8/30/2017 5:08 PM
4	Poor question	8/30/2017 12:05 AM
5	All pedestrian areas should be kept clean and anywhere a person is likely to walk on it. A stick and click approach on access across fields or in the forest would be more beneficial to stop the lazy people from having it and then throwing it into a tree somewhere rather than carrying it home. If bagging is expected then bins should be provided to prevent this.	8/29/2017 10:46 PM
6	If it's a field then no.	8/29/2017 10:10 PM
7	Off footpaths in country areas where it could naturally rot creating or improving habitats for wildlife e.g. beetles.	8/29/2017 8:21 PM
8	Forests, where horses go	8/29/2017 8:12 PM
9	In the forest or similar as long as they are not on the footpath. Dog poo is biodegradable, millions of plastic bags are not.	8/29/2017 6:15 PM
10	Natural land where the normal process of disintegration can take place.	8/29/2017 9:34 AM
11	agricultural or nature reserves as long as not on public paths not many bins and public tend to bag it and leave it lying around which as bad as not picking it up	8/25/2017 12:10 PM
12	Haven't the council got more important things to improve Kidderminster instead of interfering in dog walkers.	8/20/2017 8:38 AM
13	agricultural land	8/19/2017 11:07 AM
14	In woodlands, dogs should be able to poo wherever as it degrades and is better than people picking up poo and leaving the bags on the path which may choke wildlife if they attempt to eat it. There are never any bins along routes such as these and walking a three mile route carrying poo is a nuisance. I agree with the stick and flick approach as poo will not be on the public footpath. It would also great if it wasnt so limited where we can take our pets without being penalised/criticised!!!!!!!!!!	8/17/2017 10:33 PM
15	If the dog is off the lead it may be difficult to see exactly where to pick up from; unlike parks and areas where there are larger numbers of general public, when the dog should be on a lead and therefore easy to see where they make a mess	8/16/2017 2:00 PM
16	In thick undergrowthpooh degrades more quickly out of a plastic bag than in it. Access to some wild areas is difficult.	8/16/2017 9:29 AM
17	My family own land that has a path for dog walkers, it's NOT a problem at all for us for the owners to leave their poo. Our horses poos are 5 times the size and this is not cleaned up, along with badgers, rabbits etc. Paths where people are likely to walk for example the street or in a busy town then yes, people should pick poo up.	8/15/2017 3:09 PM
18	In rural farmland when dog messes well off any foot path and it can be easily buried or flicked under hedgerows. I think this is environmentally better than collecting it in a plastic bag.	8/12/2017 6:07 PM

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19	I hope there is an opportunity further on to comment at length on these proposals, as efforts to deal with the problem of dog mess are desirable but these proposals appear to leave the door wide open for increasingly draconian measures. I am not objecting to the principal that there should be action taken, but I am very concerned at what is being presented here. I thought we already had an offence of failing to clear up after your dog, with a fine of up to £1000. I would like to know how many people are ever actually observed in the act of failing to clear up their dog's mess? Are you seriously proposing that council officials will be patrolling nature reserves, the Forest, and farmers' fields and other areas of open countryside, on the look out for perpetrators? This is outrageous. And are you abandoning the time-honoured convention of "stick and flick" in more rural areas? This is infinitely preferable to a litter of abandoned doggy poo bags. More doggy poo bins in favourite walking areas might be of more practical help.	8/11/2017 10:43 PM
20	This should only apply to public paths within set areas. If you are in the middle of a forest you should only need to flick it off the path. If this is to be enforced the council need to provide bins and empty them a hell of a lot more often than existing ones. Dog poo will not decompose once put in a bag and then dropped	8/11/2017 1:56 AM
21	Sometimes dogs run off a d make a mess. How can you reasonably clean up this mess if you haven't seen your dog commit the deed	8/11/2017 12:10 AM
22	Off foot paths in wooden or shrubbery areas, plastic poo bags are environmentally unfriendly, better to leave it to disintegrate than fill up land fill with plastic bags	8/10/2017 5:42 PM
23	Areas like nature reserves / common land, there are situations where a "stick and flick" approach & where the dog waste is significantly off the pathway is more environmentally sound than bagging it in polythene. Pathways etc. should not be fouled.	8/10/2017 4:49 PM
24	There are already applicable fines for many of these. I walk my dog regularly and have NEVER seen a council representative looking to enforce the existing rules	8/10/2017 3:58 PM
25	My disagreement with the statement was because of the wording. The council should not have powers on land that they do not own or control. The statement implies that the council should have powers in such places	8/10/2017 10:53 AM
26	Cat owners let their cats crap all over the place including my garden. This shouldn't be allowed	8/10/2017 9:30 AM
27	Countryside, as long as it's not on the main footpath. If the dog poops off the footpath / in or near the undergrowth it's fine. Even in the Wyre forest they don't necessarily want you to pick up, it just says "flick with a stick" so it's off the main footpath	8/10/2017 9:05 AM
28	Peopke should be bagging and binning on the street, but in nature reserves / woodland etc it would be far better if people just flicked the poo off the path into the undergrowth rather than bagging it and then leaving the bag lying around. I ride my horse in kinver and at any one time there are hundreds of poo bags lying around / piled up / hanging in trees - its WORSE than dog poo which could just be flicked into the undergrowth!	8/10/2017 8:54 AM
29	Woodland I advocate pick up a stick give it a flick. And more bins around eg Hartlebury Common Burlish Top would encourage more owners to do the decent thing.	8/10/2017 4:39 AM
30	Wyre Forest Council advise for a stick and flick method regarding dog mess. It is kinder to the environment and stops people leaving non biodegradable poo bags all over the place, which is a massive problem now.	8/9/2017 10:35 PM
31	In area in which there is no chance of the public encountering it e.g in the woods	8/9/2017 10:28 PM
32	Farmland	8/9/2017 8:58 PM
33	Nature reserves, common and farmland because impossible to monitor and farmers will not be able to comply	8/9/2017 8:58 PM
34	People should clean up after their digs but the council. Should not force or fine dog owners. They should encourage responsibly behaivour not force it.	8/9/2017 8:23 PM
35	Places like Hartlebury Common - there should be an active stick & flick policy because enforcing plastic poo bags will cause more litter.	8/9/2017 7:14 PM
36	If it's private land then no. If your dog poops in the middle of the path then cool warn them first then fine if caught doing it again. If a dog poop in the hedges then leave them be. If the owner flicks it with a stick off the path leave them alone. How is it going to be enforced? Perhaps provide an are where dogs can run free and poop to the hearts content as well as trying to stop it! Warn people this are is covered in poop and fence it off.	8/9/2017 6:59 PM

37	If a dog poops on public walkways or pavement it should be cleared up or moved to the side. If it's a field or wooded area where the public wouldn't normally walk I don't see a need for poop to be picked up.	8/9/2017 6:31 PM
38	Any areas where horses go dog owners shouldn't have to clean up if horse owners aren't required to	8/8/2017 5:56 PM
39	woodlands, extreme rural areas	8/8/2017 4:19 PM
10	In areas where the public would not walk i.e. rough terrain away from a public footpath ,The undergrowth where a dog would run through in any unkempt land	8/8/2017 2:45 PM
11	Common land	8/8/2017 11:26 AM
12	This survey is far too simplistic. For example if the dog is running free in open countryside it may be impossible to find the resultant mess.	8/8/2017 11:19 AM
13	Nature reserves, agricultural land with rights of way and private land accessed by the public. Placed off the path, dog poo will biodegrade naturally.	8/7/2017 8:12 PM
14	I think it would be difficult to enforce all areas. I think in the forest, along the river, access across land owners should be expected to pick up their dog mess unless it is out of the footpath and won't be trodden in. Stick and flick signs as in forest, should be erected.	8/5/2017 10:51 AM
15	There are very few exceptions, if on a path/way markered trail/road then mess should always be cleared. However if deep in a forest for example where people don't walk off the path there is no need to clear up the mess as no one will tread in itstick and flick.	8/3/2017 10:12 AM
16	The forestry commission ask you to flick with a stick, this should be expected of any reasonable dog owner	8/2/2017 8:36 PM
17	Quite often people pick up and leave the bag hanging in a tree or on a fence in nature reserves etc so why not stick and flick like the National Trust recommend	8/2/2017 7:40 PM
48	Woodland where there is no stock or official children's areas, and where there are no bins to deposit faeces. We are interested to know how effectively the district council are going to enforce this order - particularly on remote farmland - and at what cost.	8/1/2017 8:41 AM
49	In wyre forest but not in area by visitors centre. In open field land that isn't council owned. I mean wide open land with acres of space. After all we've seen humans using such areas. I do believe people should clear up after their dogs but some common sense ,please. £50 would be a better fine. At the same time fine disgusting humans for the same offence and dropping litter everywhere. Perhaps you could fine them for poorly behaved children that vandalise natural areas.	7/31/2017 6:29 PM
50	The council should not have rights over other people's property.	7/27/2017 5:30 PM
51	People should clear up in parks, mown grass areas and on or near footpaths. If your dog goes off track and into long grass or into bushes/brambles etc then no you shouldn't have to clean up after them.	7/23/2017 5:42 PM
52	In ares of long meadow grass etc almost impossible to find it	7/23/2017 5:37 PM
53	In the Wyre Forest you are asked to flick the mess into the leaf litter/ undergrowth. Nature will decompose this better than a plastic bag. What is wrong with this in other areas?? However, I totally agree with picking it up in Children's play areas.	7/22/2017 12:15 PM
54	Cleaning up on footpaths etc should be a requirement. Away from footpaths (in dense vegetation, the middle of fields etc) it is unnecessary. It's in no one's interest to send all dog mess to landfill wrapped in plastic, it should only be done where someone may come into contact with it. I suspect many people will just throw bagged waste into vegetation anyway, which is the worst environmental outcome possible.	7/21/2017 2:10 PM
55	I think that there is far worse rubbish that is dropped at least dog poo will decompose if left but plastic wont and is a much bigger issue and looks more unsightly. Also gets into the rivers and areas on Puxton Marsh where the cattle graze. I would prefer if there was more attention paid to litter droppers as well as dog owners!!!	7/20/2017 10:22 PM
56	If a dog goes into dense woodlands or undergrowth we're it is impossible to find or get to the poop	7/20/2017 10:04 PM
57	I am of the opinion that a flick it into a non walkway approach is the best answer. Far too many people pick up poo in bags and leave them as litter which is impossible to deal with and will not	7/19/2017 5:11 PM

58	Wyre forest has 'stick and flick' signs to make sure pathways are clear. think that this is suitable and appropriate for that area	7/10/2017 6:34 PM
59	Off the beaten path within the Wyre Forest should be ok due to it being unnecessary.	7/5/2017 4:32 PM
60	In forests, as directed by woodland trust. Nature reserves.	7/5/2017 3:23 PM
61	IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN UNDERGROWTH	7/5/2017 3:10 PM
62	Nature reserves- as long as they stick and flick system	7/5/2017 3:04 PM
63	Forest	7/5/2017 10:29 AM
64	When it's not on footpaths.	7/4/2017 8:19 PM
65	Private land	7/4/2017 6:34 PM
66	Flicking with a stick is a natural way to dispose of dog mess. Ensuring people have plastic bags on hand will lead to more bags dumped across reserves which do not decompose and ruin the 'naturalness' of reserves. Flick with a stick, clearly stated throughout reserves will be more beneficial to the public and plants. This is with reference to woodlands as oppose to parks. i.e hurcott woods	7/3/2017 4:48 PM
67	I feel it is very hard to manage rural land when there are wild animals also fouling the area. Dog mess is biodegradable and will rot away.	7/3/2017 3:26 PM
68	areas such as nature reserves and woodlands etc I don't feel it is necessary for dog walkers to be concerned	7/2/2017 4:49 PM
69	Wooded areas such as hurcott woods where the mess is in the undergrowth (off the paths)	7/2/2017 8:57 AM
70	IF it is in an nature area or footpath, as long as it is not on the footpath but in the undergrowth or scrub land then its better to adopt the national trusts policy of 'get a stick and flick it into the undergrowth' where it will decompose naturally and is not causing a nuisance. instead of people picking up their dog poo in bags and then seeing these bags left in trees etc	7/1/2017 12:23 PM
71	It's joy the areas, it's the fact giving council employees the power to deal with this, they are not law enforcement officers	6/30/2017 7:52 PM
72	It would never be enforceable and like the forest where as long as it isn't on the path where people are likely to walk, it makes no difference	6/29/2017 2:49 PM
73	Any forest areas, or areas infrequently visit by other members of the public. The scheme at the Wyre forest, where you "flick it with a stick" to remove the foul off the path is more than adequate. Additionally it's not always easy to remove dog mess when your dog goes off the path into the undergrowth, I for one don't feel like getting stung by kettle, and caught on brambles.	6/28/2017 7:44 PM
74	not appropriate on private land unless there is a right of way?	6/28/2017 4:05 PM
75	Are more poo bins going to be provided? On agricultural land and nature reserves as long as it is not on footpaths.	6/27/2017 8:59 PM
76	There are areas such as Wyre Forest which have rules from Forestry Commission allowing for stick and flick believing that this is more biodegradable than bag and bin. The Council should not have the right to over-ride rules set by other bodies.	6/27/2017 2:38 PM
77	nature reserves, agricultural land, remote parkland areas, fields should be exemptremote areas where wild animals and farm animals defacate should not be included	6/26/2017 11:34 PM
78	Nature reserves, agricultural land	6/26/2017 9:39 PM
79	Wyre Forest use the stick & flick policy & this should continue in woodland. Flicking dog poo into undergrowth will allow it to rot down & it's off the footpath. Nobody should be walking in the undergrowth they should keep to the footpaths. If it's on the footpath pick it up or flick it into the	6/26/2017 5:57 PM
	undergrowth. The Fouling Footpath act actually states that it does not apply to woodland & agricultural land.	
80	undergrowth. The Fouling Footpath act actually states that it does not apply to woodland &	6/26/2017 4:45 PM

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82	Agricultural land. Excessive legislation can have a negative effect on compliance. Also likely to find full poo bags dumped in hedges - worse for the environment	6/25/2017 6:26 PM
83	Public bridalways, forest areas. The dog foul should be removed from any walk ways, using a stick for example. Also, any areas that hasn't got a bin.	6/23/2017 6:55 PM
84	On walkways yes I totally agree with picking up poop but in forested areas I can not see the point as it rots down quicker and is more natural than putting it in a landfill site	6/22/2017 1:40 PM
85	all ares unless sufficient bins are provided and emptied regularly. At the moment they are rarere thanhen's teeth.	6/22/2017 12:34 PM
86	Woods and forests like the wyre forest, dogs are allowed to there business without picking it up all you have to do if it's in the way of people is flick it out the way.	6/22/2017 8:20 AM
87	Private land	6/21/2017 4:41 PM
88	in dense bushes or down steep embankments	6/21/2017 8:16 AM
89	If it is well away from areas humans go e.g. the far side of a bramble thicket in woodland next to a bridle path on farmland. I think all faeces on or near paths or on areas of mown grass should be picked up. E.g. faeces more than 20m from a track in the forest should be ok to leave (it can be quite hard to find it). We own a wood next to a bridle path. I am happy for dog faeces to be left in the wood by passing dogs but NOT for it to be left on the bridle path. Areas that have lots of human traffic such as Hartlebury Common should have all faeces picked up.	6/20/2017 10:26 PM
90	Dog mess should be cleaned up by dog owners however private land with a right of way any enforcement officers should have the land owners permission before being able to approach dog owners.	6/20/2017 10:17 PM
91	In nature reserves where other animals are, there is mess anyway. As long as it is not on the footpath.	6/20/2017 8:47 PM
92	Forest areas/farm land because the faeces will breakdown quicker than in a plastic bag The faeces should be off any paths and left to natural processes out of plastic	6/20/2017 8:38 PM
93	In woodland/farmland there would be other faeces such as manure or cowpat, and terrain is expected to be muddy/used. Parks and pavements I agree should not be fouled upon, but regulating agricultural and wooded areas seems unreasonable. Plus, it seems not uncommon for some dog owners to bag up the dogs mess, only to hang it on a fence! Now it can't even decompose. I would not want that encouraged	6/20/2017 8:17 PM
94	That	6/20/2017 7:34 PM
95	Common land like Hartlebury burlish top rifle range there is so so much cow poo around it's disgusting parks and children's play areas and pavements I strongly agree but not common land NO	6/20/2017 5:13 PM
96	If a dog is off the lead and runs into woodland how can you clean what you don't know is there or find it	6/20/2017 2:12 PM
97	It shouldn't be a blanket power - for example in nature reserves it may be more appropriate to "flick with a stick". Is that clearing up?	6/20/2017 12:19 PM
98	Countryside areas where it is better to flick it into the hedgerow/verge rather than put it in a plastic bag.	6/20/2017 9:21 AM
99	I have said I disagree but I don't think there are areas where it is not ok to clean up after your dog, I think there are areas where it can be very difficult to clean up after them. For example some areas of private land have places dogs can get into that people cannot, so it is not possible to clean up after them on every occasion although I make absolutely every attempt to do so.	6/20/2017 9:01 AM
100	Some areas such as wyre forest have stick and flick policy which is more environment friendly than plastic bags	6/20/2017 8:55 AM
101	In some nature reserves and private lands they have signs saying that you don't have to pick up after the dog as the faeces help the environment it's in	6/19/2017 11:38 PM
102	I think in areas where there is unlikely to be a bin it encourages the dumping of bagged poo which is far worse	6/19/2017 10:26 PM

103	In woodland, if people use the stick-and-flick method, and the poop lands on a place that is seldom walked on, I believe that would be okay. Likewise if the poop ends up in the bushes or in similar places. Is it true that wildlife eats dog poop? Also, what should people do with doggy diarrhoea? There's alway some that cannot be picked up from the ground (without taking some of the ground up with it).	6/19/2017 9:52 PM
104	If a dog fouls on pathways and countryside paths it should be picked up, if they go off the beaten track or under bushes this could be left.	6/19/2017 8:51 PM
105	Nature reserves, if in the middle gorse bushes or forrest and is nowhere near a footpath. My dog many a times has rolled in fox poo as the pesky haven't yet mastered putting it in the bin.	6/19/2017 8:51 PM
106	Sometimes 'stick and flick' may be the appropriate action but we should always clean up foot ways and where people might tread. You don't always provide bins!	6/19/2017 8:42 PM
107	Any land not a park which is not on a footpath e.g. Habberley Valley in thick undergrowth	6/19/2017 8:40 PM
108	Dependent on what u mean by clearing up I feel the wyre forest has it right they encourage you to flick poo into areas people aren't walking in! There are no owners to clear up after wild animals and faeces breaks down so better than bags of poo having to be disposed of! In public areas such as parks and footpaths people should pick up and clear mess into bags and put in bins! More bins need to be provided! Nothing worse than poo bags hanging from trees!	6/19/2017 8:13 PM
109	Agricultural land common land private land Dogs bear the brunt of fouling justified on parks pitches etc but private land agricultural land common ground is the owners responsibility Does this include horses fouling council ground if not why fouling is fouling Could this be away to make money	6/19/2017 7:31 PM
110	If a dog goes into areas that are not pathways or areas where people walk then it shouldn't be a requirement for the owner to try to find it as it won't cause harm. We used to be told to 'stick & flick' - has this changed?	6/19/2017 7:18 PM
111	Council need to reduce costs not employ people to check this. Waste of council tax money	6/19/2017 6:43 PM
112	Nature reserves and Forests unless on pathways and then should be stick and flick.	6/19/2017 6:21 PM
113	Woods etc, stick and flick method has always worked	6/19/2017 6:09 PM
114	Unless there are adequate bins we will only encourage a culture of poo bags being dumped. No authority is able to enforce 24/7. Excluding parks and highway, the countryside ideal if flick it in the verge is more acceptable.	6/16/2017 9:24 AM

Q12 Any other comments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Dog owners usually clean up after their dogs however children's mess is not always cleaned up and grown ups leave more rubbish than pet owners	9/2/2017 10:14 PM
2	The problem I see is enforcing. Too many people who currently flaunt the laws become very aggressive when asked to clean up after their dogs. I have first hand experience of such situations. Your earlier comment regarding the means to clean up left me a little concerned as I have on one previous occasion run out of bags when walking the dog, I did however return to the deposit later with a bag to clean up. Under new legislation I would feel extremely annoyed if I got fined for this only lapse in memory!!!	9/1/2017 2:55 PM
3	I rarely take my children to nature reserves any more as the ground is full of dog faeces and stinks. There is a particular problem outside Stourport Primary school so often children have faeces on their shoes. It is a disgusting health hazard and strong action needs to be taken against irresponsible owners. Places like Liverpool are a clean and a pleasure to walk round now thanks to the proactive council. Wyre forest's pavements are a disgrace.	9/1/2017 12:25 PM
4	How with the limited workforce can these ideas be enforced, the publics perception will be increased to believe that with the powers dog mess will disappear. I know it will help but it is not going to change the people who do not care	9/1/2017 10:04 AM
5	There is very little dog waste bins in rural areas as when in devon and Cornwall and even in parks in London there is a higher percentage of dog bins than in wyre forest so take heed that dog mess is all down to councils in providing more bins in rural areas. No dog owner wants to carry poop bags more than a mile. Also hope this survey has nothing to do with the ethnic minority from cultures that their religion thinks dogs are dirty or same from the dirt hole they come from. If so they need to be educated that our dogs are not same from where they are from. Our dogs are wormed, vaccinated and have regular grooming. I will not let foreigners dictate to British culture	9/1/2017 1:48 AM
6	More dog waste bins should be provided around all areas. I clean up after my dog but then have to carry a smelly bag around because the bins provided are spaced so far apart.	9/1/2017 12:17 AM
7	Measures should also apply to private property	8/31/2017 10:15 AM
8	agree with proposals as a dog owner as there are irresponsible people sadly and they are mainly enforcing what should happen if one is sensible and considerate. however it is VERY important that the council does not allow any vociferous lobby groups to bully it into further restrictions as walking dogs is of benefit in keeping both physically and mentally healthy	8/31/2017 8:43 AM
9	The question about carrying a means to pick up poo I answered don't know because. I have a dog and pick up after her but there is the odd occasion that I thought I have had the means with me but for some reason didn't. Some people could be fined for an honest mistake.	8/31/2017 12:35 AM
10	Thorough checks before rehoming dogs and quicker process to assess/remove a dangerous dog from its owner.	8/30/2017 6:24 PM
11	I'm a dog owner and clean after my dog every time. There have been a few times when I've forgotten a poo bag, but fortunately my dog didn't go. I would be very disappointed if I was fined for not having a bag if 99% of the time I do. If my dog had gone, I would have returned and picked up the mess after the walk. How about poo bag dispensers on the bins?	8/30/2017 3:03 PM
12	to restrict dogs from certain public areas wouldn't be as bad, if the council actually had dedicated places specific for dogs, to exercise off and on lead. Even if there is a small charge for using these areas.	8/30/2017 12:06 PM
13	The policy in woodland is get a stick and flick it. People bagging dog poo and hanging it off trees and bushes or leaving by gateways is far worse than flicking it off the path. More public places such as parks etc where Bins are available is a different matter all together and all waste should be collected and disposed	8/30/2017 11:13 AM

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14	Poop bag dispensers and special bins in public parks/areas could be helpful. I'd like to see councils to deal with littering as harsh as they are dealing with dog owners, see more litter and fly tipped rubbish than dog poop on my walks. It would also be helpful to finally put an end to hobby breeding,introduce stricter controls and a registration fee for each litter of pups. A tax on not neutered dogs and cats perhaps.	8/30/2017 8:27 AM
15	People who put dog poo in bags should be then made dispose of it and not hang it on a fence or leave it by a hedge!	8/30/2017 8:00 AM
16	You use the definition of having a dog under control as on a lead, this is wrong. I have dogs who are trained off the lead and are under control at all times. I take a lead with me when exercising my dogs in case there is reason to use it, which is rarely, unless I am walking into town.	8/30/2017 7:41 AM
17	Any aggressive dogs should be muzzled	8/30/2017 1:20 AM
18	As well as more powers to control provide more dog litter bins	8/30/2017 12:52 AM
19	I have been bitten on two occasions by dogs that were not properly controlled! I also suffer from neighbours' dogs and their incessant barking. Please stop this!	8/30/2017 12:32 AM
20	The suggestion about carrying poo bags is totally unenforceable. It would not ever be passed as law for a power to search for such or requirement to produce them.	8/30/2017 12:07 AM
21	How will this be monitored if it goes ahead? Will the general public be able to report dog fouling they see and if so, how will the information be used in order to secure a prosecution?	8/29/2017 11:15 PM
22	I am a responsible dog owner and totally agree with this proposal as its the minority who spoil it for the rest. I walked my dog in Bewdley this evening and it was lovely to see everyone out walking their dogs, it was a great atmosphere and everyone cleaned up after themselves.	8/29/2017 11:08 PM
23	Specific people are repeat offenders. They should be fined incrementally, first offence is £100,subsequent charges multiplied. I've also never heard of anyone being charged, despite knowing people who deliberately take dogs into restricted play areas without picking up afterwards. How is this going to be policed?	8/29/2017 10:48 PM
24	Please remember that they may have used the poop bags already so not having any on them should not be seen as not picking up after your dog. I often take 2 and we use them both.	8/29/2017 10:44 PM
25	Most dog owners are considerate and won't mind any introduction of controls, because they already behave responsibly and see the sense in such restrictions in public places. Dogs not properly supervised by their owners can be scary; and dog mess in any places where the pubic have access is wholly unacceptable. I really hope something positive can come from this survey.	8/29/2017 9:24 PM
26	In nature reserves owners should ensure any mess is not on (or near the edges of) designated paths but should follow the 'get a stick and flick' so the mess is in the undergrowth. And/Or at least bins need to be provided regularly on paths or at entrances - plastic wrapped dog mess left on the side is horrendous too.	8/29/2017 9:15 PM
27	Sanctions for dog owners who forgot bags, scoops etc should not happen as this would punish people who make honest mistakes. By dog bins, have little machines to get bags from for example.	8/29/2017 9:08 PM
28	Dogs should be on leads at all times in public except for designated areas which should be secure and sign posted	8/29/2017 8:55 PM
29	Dog owners as a whole should not be penalised for the bad actions of a few not the many. These ideas place all dog owners under the same banner which is unacceptable.	8/29/2017 8:22 PM
30	Limiting the amount of dogs someone can have "under control" More than likely will exclude many that can control that many dogs. Further to this I feel that the Wyre forest particularly around dowles brook from the old railway track is a hotspot for out of control dogs off lead dogs which causes vast amounts of disturbance to breeding birds and to the adders. Preventing dogs from some enclosed play areas may mean that children aren't as well supervised in such areas as the family pet has come along too. Imposing the dog stays on a lead and avoids any sand etc that may be present may help with the issues.	8/29/2017 7:50 PM

This survey is terrible and is totally out of balance. Some dog owners are responsible. Making an assumption that an owner can handle 4 pug dogs or Great Danes is not taken into account. The number of dogs should be determined by the level of training the dog has had and the owner can handle. Q.8 does not approach the fact the could be too little. I think £100 is not enough for an irresponsible owner to pay if they do not clean up after a dog. You only mention 2 public spaces? What about the rest? (Hints of micromanagement) Finally you mention council authorised officers to have the power to give orders. On what grounds are these orders given and for what reason? Please do your homework before issuing a half baked survey. I would expect more of civil servants when serving the public needs and providing a level survey/argument. Dog mess on spennells is awful. Large messes on paths and grass verges totally unacceptable	8/29/2017 7:34 PM
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£25 fine for first offence, £50 for every subsequent offence. More poop bins with regular emptying please.	8/29/2017 6:52 PM
These are good proposals but what provision is being made to police them? Without suitable policing they are useless.	8/29/2017 6:35 PM
I have only just seen this information! Why was it not made more public? Cats are still allowed to roam free, using people's flower beds and vegetable patches as toilets, totally disgusting. It's time you brought out rules to fence them into their owners gardens.	8/29/2017 6:18 PM
36 If you want people to clean up provide bins. Also in a lot of cases the Flick with a stick rule used by forestry commission is a better idea	8/29/2017 5:48 PM
37 If nature reserves are to be kept poo free, please provide dog bins e.g. black stone nature reserve	8/29/2017 5:29 PM
38 Need more bins for dog poo in certain areas	8/29/2017 5:21 PM
There should be areas that are kept for dogs to be walked which is fenced in.	8/29/2017 5:21 PM
In regards to cleaning up dog mess in nature reserve areas. I think bins should be provided in all areas. When walking my dog up blackstone park I have to carry his poo around for a good hour which isn't what I want to do.	8/29/2017 5:14 PM
If people choose fo own a dog or dogs they should take full responsibility for cleaning up after them in public places.	8/29/2017 5:09 PM
There are a number of dog owners riding mobility scooters who do not even attempt to clean up after their dogs. These people also need to be subject to the same rules. If they can't care for their animals properly, including cleaning up after them, they should not be allowed to keep them. I don't think the fine of £100 is enough; it should be more.	8/29/2017 12:58 PM
Why pick on dog owners? What about horses - which defecated larger amounts? What about birds - which small more strongly? What about drunks - which to it in doorways?	8/29/2017 9:36 AM
It shouldn't be so controlling the majority of dog owners do the right thing. I doubt you will catch the actual culprits! Also what happens if I take out 3 bags and end up using them will I then get prosecuted for not having the means to deal with dog poo? I know how many I need to take out and I don't have big pockets!!	8/28/2017 10:47 PM
I believe a Pspo order is fine if used to deter irresponsible owners from leaving dog waste however, in an effort to tackle this problem I am strongly against dog owners being excluded from areas they can currently access. A degree of common sense is needed to deal with this issue. The majority of dog owners are responsible people who love their animals and act accordingly - they should not be demonized.	8/28/2017 7:27 PM
There are a number of responsible dog owners and I would hate to see parks become lead only. It's also a risk to run out of poo bags. In Blakedown there is a dog bin with poo bags, could this be an option on some of the bigger parks? Dog walkers may have control of a number of dogs so perhaps the limit on the control of dogs should mean off lead?	8/28/2017 2:05 PM
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I am disabled with 2 dogs and struggle to pick up my dogs mess BUT I ALWAYS do unfortunately the lazy dog owners let us down ②	
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the lazy dog owners let us down (2) Dog in centre town and on house estate should be on lead also, as children play with skip rope,	8/28/2017 10:37 AM 8/28/2017 10:30 AM

51	went to Brinton park the other day. a puppy ran up to my 2 yr old jumped on him. in which he fell over. the puppy though he was playing in which the puppy was jumping all over his body and face. we was lucky no damage done. bit it's scary if it had been much worst. dog owners need to do more to control their dogs. but any good well trained dog could turn. tough laws must be brought in. the mess need to be cleaned up.	8/28/2017 9:36 AM
52	In places like a nature reserve I use the phrase "get a stick and flick" so that any dog mess is in undergrowth and not on any path or walkway. I see far too many poo bags thrown into busheswhat's the point in that?? They may as well of just flicked the poo into the bush so it would break down back into the earth naturally rather than be hanging from a branch for months! I also see dog foul bins overflowing so people leave the bags at the foot of the bin. If you want people to use the bins you're going to have to empty the popular ones more often!!	8/28/2017 9:22 AM
53	No one should be limited to the amount of dogs they have as long as they keep them under control and on leads where necessary and of course they clean up after themselves cause the public with dogs are getting lazy	8/28/2017 7:17 AM
54	I have toddler and go to Springfield park and bewdley park and tred in dog poo every time and have dogs run at us a lot also was a dog in bewdley park in the swimming pool and play area in slides with owner I was disgusted as dog was massive and scared my boy a lot what is the number you ring of this happens and put bigger signs up saying no dogs in water maybe on the actual gate and not on the board at back of pool I know it may be expensive but what a bout a poo bag dispenser by the bins just an idea	8/28/2017 7:07 AM
55	I think there should be clear signs about where dogs should be on leads.	8/27/2017 6:15 PM
56	all well and good new legislation but will it be manned and enforced	8/25/2017 12:11 PM
57	I don't think officers should be given powers to make SENSIBLE people's lives difficult, but all powers needed to control those who are to bystanders very obviously 'out of order'	8/24/2017 6:09 PM
58	I don't see how you are going to police searching people to see if they have a dog bag, do the council have stop and search powers. I myself have had to return home to collect a bag and go back out on one occasion and take a bag from another walker when my dog has used more bags than they normally have. There is a fine line between catching offenders and persecuting responsible owners, some of these questions are too vague to see which is which.	8/24/2017 1:18 PM
59	Councils need to provide more dog waste bins on estates and nature reserves.also dogs should be allowed in play areas as long as on a lead. council also need to look at cats being allowed to defecate on other people's gardens with no fear of prosecution cat owners should clear up their mess also.	8/24/2017 10:38 AM
60	I think random micro-chip checking should take place. This to make sure owners comply with current legislation and fines should be imposed for non compliance, including not updating changes in details.	8/22/2017 10:12 PM
61	Where waste bins cannot be provided dog mess could be adequately dispursed using a 'Flicky' stick as allowed on some land owned by the National Trust.	8/22/2017 10:44 AM
62	I think any 'wardens' should have poo bags on them, to help dog walkers who have just run out . Rather than an instant fine. The council should work with dog owners who mostly do pick up after their dogs. Also, be transparent about where any fine revenue goes. Eg, for more poo bins, bags etc. Making parks and nature reserves free of toxic plants, broken glass etc rather than it being a money making exercise. Also, subsided dog training classes, teach people how to control their dogs, rather than penalise them.	8/21/2017 7:15 PM
63	Any out of control dogs should be seized by the dog warden and the owner should be forced to pay any vet bills if their dog causes injury to another	8/21/2017 7:21 AM
64	Keep pavements clear, smarten the town up, put schemes in place to encourage business and monitor traffic lights for those who actually go to work!!!!	8/20/2017 8:40 AM
65	Bring back dog licences	8/20/2017 7:23 AM
66	I think dogs can be wonderful companions but owners can be irresponsible and thoughtless. I have had experiences of dogs jumping up at my then very young children, to their dismay; of dog owners failing to pick up poo from right outside my gate in Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster; and of twice being verbally abused and, on one occasion, threatened, when asking owners of dogs to pick up poo from their pets. Please use the powers you have to make this behaviour unacceptable.	8/19/2017 10:15 PM

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67	I have heard a lot of reports recently from dog owners whos dogs have been attacked by other dogs not on a lead. Something has to be done about it. £50 fine for not picking up poo.	8/19/2017 1:03 PM
68	I am concerned that this proposal will raise expectations of the public without there being the capacity to fulfill these expectations. A lot of complaints about dog fouling come from residential areas and it is difficult to deal with the extent of these now, how will the limited CEO numbers be able to answer calls from local residents to action this proposed PSPO in its entirety? If this PSPO comes into force whilst I don't have any problem and can see its benefits I am concerned it will be difficult to deliver what will be expected.	8/19/2017 12:47 PM
69	It is unfair to limit the amount of dogs per person if they are under control. It would affect not only families and their pets but dog businesses I.e. dog walkers. You should not take this step, it is unfair.	8/19/2017 11:18 AM
70	do not punish the majority of good dog walkers because of the bad few. We have the right to exercise and socialise our dogs safely and without fear of prejudice. The bad ones will not conform to the new rules anyway and are not responsible dog owners in my opinion, nor should they be allowed to own dogs.	8/19/2017 11:14 AM
71	I agree that all mess should be cleared up by the owner but unfortunately there just aren't enough dog poo bins available. If there were more it would stop people from throwing the bags into trees and littering the countryside with dog poo bags.which in some ways is worse than door poo which at least does biodegrade over time.	8/18/2017 3:29 PM
72	Having rules in place is one thing but enforcing them is another. Dog owners need to know that they will be caught if they break the rules and will be fined. Dog faeces is a public health hazard - particularly for children - and should be taken very seriously.	8/18/2017 12:33 PM
73	As a local resident I am impressed with the increase in bins around the area for waste such as dog poo and litter, however it is the minority of dog owners which do not pick up their dog's poo and puts shame on the majority of good dog owners who always pick up the poo. Dog poo is not the only issue around certain areas, the amount of litter in terms of food thats been dropped and left by the public is disgusting. Certain towns in the district are let down by the overflowing bins and endless chips thrown on the floor. The public do not see this as an issue however I feel it makes the town an eyesore and the food is harmful to dogs. For example, onions, chocolate, sandwiches, sweets. I think there should be a fine for these people as well for littering. It is appauling.	8/17/2017 10:33 PM
74	Perhaps there could be gradual increases in fines, a first fine is one amount and subsequent fines another. At what age is someone fined, if a young person goes out the house forgetting to take poop bags and gets fined, it may stop them from this enjoyable and healthy pastime.	8/16/2017 2:03 PM
75	I think that all dog owners should be more considerate of people with small children. There have been countless occasions when I've been in Baxter Gardens, Springfield Park and St George's Park and dogs have bounded up to my children, almost knocking them over and made them cry. The owner always says "don't worry he won't bite." The problem is that lots of people I know have children (mainly under 5's) who are terrified of dogs because they have them run up to them in parks and they are as big as a toddler, if not bigger. I believe that dog owners need to be more considerate of small children and use their leads. Some are considerate but many aren't.	8/16/2017 12:44 PM
76	Fines should be relative to income. Disabled dog owners should not be treated the same way as able bodied owners in regards to clearing up.	8/16/2017 9:31 AM
77	More dog mess bins would be helpful if stricter rules are to be applied to avoid the need to carry bags for a long periods. I am a dog owner and get very annoyed to see bags with mess dumped, more bins may help avoid this, but people who do it should also be fined. In woodland and nature reserves I believe it is acceptable in certain circumstances to use a stick to flick mess from pathways so per forestry commission guidelines.	8/15/2017 4:05 PM
78	i don't think other members of the public should comment on your dog, however land owners, authoritative figures can most definitely have a say!	8/15/2017 3:10 PM
	Upper Arley Parish Council gives full support to the creation of a PSPO	8/15/2017 10:13 AM
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	Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council fully support the District Council in introducing a PSPO	8/15/2017 7:58 AM
79 80 81	Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council fully support the District Council in introducing a PSPO Responsible dog owners probably already abide by these proposed changes so only irresponsible owners would be affected and the penalties should be severe enough and policed effectively to act as a deterrent.	8/15/2017 7:58 AM 8/14/2017 8:09 PM

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83	Dogs SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED just to certain areasas I feel is the main purpose of the surveymy dog wears a muzzle and cannot go in dog parksshe is kept under control in quieter parkscan agree dogs in cemetery or graveyards on leads yescommon courtesyand children's secured playgroundsbut NOT public open parks or common land	8/13/2017 10:23 PM
84	I am a dog owner and walk my dog mainly on farm land where their deposits can be buried or flicked under hedgerow. If in park or town I always collect, I've even collected other dogs mess that has been left! If restrictions are being placed on where dogs can be let off lead a safe dog run, fenced, off lead area in parks would be a great idea. Difficult to teach recall skills without having a safe environment where they can't bolt away.	8/12/2017 6:13 PM
85	Creating legislation for dog owners depends on how you are going to police this- surely the council doesn't have the funds to employ people to see whether people are picking up after their dogs?? Having enough bins and having free poo bags available would be beneficial. With regards to having dogs on leads, this really does dependent on the nature of the dog. For example, you couldn't ban dogs from the sitting area outside the splash pad in Brinton's Park as it isn't a closed off area. Dogs are regarded as family members. On a hot day, I just wouldn't bring my child to the park if I couldn't bring my dog. The council should be empowering people to respect their local area and pick up after their dog.	8/12/2017 2:19 PM
36	The number of dogs a person is in control of. Dog walkers need to walk several dogs together. As long as they are on leads, this is fine. It's not really down to the number of dogs a person has but whether they are on a lead or not. One dog off-lead can cause havoc, up to 8 dogs on a lead can be perfectly well behaved and under control. It's also down to training. I see so many people with untrained dogs, or those who don't have a clue how to control a dog on a lead properly. My own dog was attacked by a Jack Russell being walked by an 8 year old. Although her dad was there, she was holding the lead by the loop with one hand and clearly had no idea what to do when her dog attacked. I had to get between the dog's, then show the girl how to use the lead properly to control the dog, her dad just stood there doing nothing. I think should be compulsory for all dog owners to attend a lead training course	8/12/2017 11:18 AM
37	I love my dogs but they are my dogs and my responsibility. Too many people have dogs off lead that are causing problems for me as a dog owner and people generally. I feel if the dog is off lead then you certainly should have no more than one dog to take care of. On lead then probably 3 would be a maximum. I would put an age limit on the responsible person too.	8/12/2017 10:38 AM
88	I am extremely concerned at proposals that seem very open-ended, undefined and left to the judgement of individual "officials". As a dog owner myself I find the situation regarding dog poo appalling. I try and pick up other people's abandoned dog poo, but I get disheartened. However, I doubt whether the proposed measures will make much difference. And what of the "official" who, given the opportunity to use their own judgement, decides an offence has been committed when an owner has failed to clear up a dog's runny diarrhoea (have you tried getting this in a poo bag?), or has genuinely forgotten to bring their poo bags with them as they rushed out of the house. The other proposals seem even more directed against dog owners. Already, walking a dog off-lead in what used to be pleasant open countryside, freely accessible to everyone, requires constant vigilance in the face of loose cattle, pigs, prohibited bird-nesting areas and off-roading cyclists swooping unannounced round a bend on a narrow footpath (I have lost count of the number of times I have nearly been knocked down). Many dog owners already feel beleaguered, and I think these proposals will cause a good deal of resentment, as they give the impression of being strongly anti-dog. I think it is perfectly reasonable to require dogs to be on a lead in Queen Elizabeth Gardens and the Crematorium. But why do you need a new control order for this? There are already plenty of places where dogs have to be on a lead or are not allowed at all. My concern is how far this will go: already dogs have to be kept on a lead over large areas of the Rifle Range. Further down the line will this be extended to other parks, and to areas of the Forest? Wyre Forest District has no network of secure dog parks - and in any case, these are barely adequate substitutes for extended off-lead walking. A dog needs to be able to roam and run and explore new places and play off-lead, for both its physical and its mental health. Bit by bit, this opportunity is being eroded. I would also li	8/11/2017 11:31 PM

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89	Any access for dogs,to any public area should be severely restricted and control by their owners should be stringent.	8/11/2017 5:17 PM
90	- Difficult to give a categorical answer to question re number of dogs walked together as depends on type of dogs, nature of walk/handler etc - re amount of fine - could be up to maximum of £100 but many people who have dog for company might find this difficult to pay, maybe £50 for 1st offence	8/11/2017 3:34 PM
91	Baxter park has a dog areaI think this is a very good ideadogs should be on a lead in park area'sand under control when off the lead it's not very hygienic having to clean dog mess off childrens shoes	8/11/2017 2:18 PM
92	It should also be enforced that people that can't control their dogs when in public (call them back, prevent from jumping up strangers etc), then they should be leashed at all times.	8/11/2017 11:51 AM
93	Action needs to be taken regarding dog mess and dogs off leads. Congratulations to the Council for investigating this matter.	8/11/2017 9:55 AM
94	As per last comment. If you want people to pick up, provide bins and empty them regularly. The bins on hartlebury common are always full and overflowing .	8/11/2017 1:58 AM
95	I am a reasonable person. I am a dog owner. However, I have been caught out before whereby I have ran out of dog bags Should I be fined because my dog did 2 poops instead of the usual 1 poop?	8/11/2017 12:12 AM
96	Dog owners should clean up after their dogs but the same goes for humans cleaning up after themselves. The area is terrible for litter / fly tipping and I would suggest it's a much bigger problem than dog fouling.	8/10/2017 10:33 PM
97	I am a dog owner and feel strongly that people should be in control of their dog/s and should clean up after them.	8/10/2017 9:38 PM
98	As a dog owner myself who always picks up regardless of where my dog fouls I find it disgusting that other owners don't. The canals - which are a gateway to many tourists- are especially susceptible to being abused. I saw some children jumping off a narrow boat bare foot and land in a pile of dog mess. It's not acceptable. This issue needs addressing and more importantly stopping. We visited Southwold and the cleanliness and lack of dog mess jumped out at us. However there were bins everywhere. Perhaps the cheapest and quickest way forward would be to ask Southwold town council for their winning formula!	8/10/2017 8:02 PM
99	When the dogs are born and first registered for their vaccinations etc, take a DNA sample and keep a UK database. Any dog foul can then be tested and the fines sent to the owners.	8/10/2017 7:40 PM
100	If this goes ahead I think good responsible dog owners will end up having to have their dogs on a lead even though they are well behaved. As I have 2 dogs I am already limited as to where I can let my dogs off living in Kidderminster so if you introduce leads it won't b enough exercise for my dogs or enjoyable for us	8/10/2017 7:05 PM
101	Ideally there should be places for dogs to run free and places for children to play games (football etc) and not mix the two. Too many children get covered in dog mess when playing in our parks! It is not fair and a health hazard! There is enough room to fence off space for dogs to run free and not encroach on the areas children romp and play. If dog owners wish to stroll across where children play then their dogs should be kept on a lead and not allowed to foul the area.	8/10/2017 6:30 PM
102	Most dogs owners are responsible, the ones that aren't will not be persuaded by new laws	8/10/2017 5:43 PM
103	People who cannot control their dog should be told to get professional help	8/10/2017 5:09 PM
104	If a dog walker has been on a walk and has cleared up after their dog, then subsequently approached by an officer they would no longer have a poo bag on them. Therefore disagree that it should be an offence merely to not have a bag in their possession. Likewise some dogs use their own garden before they go for a walk and hence their owners do not require a bag	8/10/2017 4:52 PM
105	In some areas (fields, forests) it may not be necessary to pick up poo but insist it be flicked with a stick off the footpaths, this is something that is reccomended for forests. I believe there should also be a fine for hanging poop bags on trees/signs etc	8/10/2017 2:35 PM
106	As the local council, due to lack of enough dedicated dog wardens, does not impose the laws currently in place (such as dogs walking offlead on the public highway), it seems that this legislation is for paper rather than something that will actually benefit the public and dogs	8/10/2017 10:56 AM

107	You should not be too draconian but the public need protecting from undisciplined people who should not have dogs in the first place. We all suffer because of them. I have always had dogs and clear up after them everywhere but do notice that people leave dirt behind in nature reserves etc which is not acceptable. Also outside homes walking dogs late at night.	8/10/2017 10:35 AM
108	anything to reduce dog mess would be good. I think existing laws around control of dogs are adequate. Ours barks alot, but she is a cocker and soft as anything! Is scared of everything, just barks. I dont really see any need to clamp down on softies like her.	8/10/2017 9:43 AM
109	All dog owners (and I am one) should alway carry poo bags, and a lead. All dogs should be on leads in public areas /on public footpaths in towns and near roads. Dogs should be allowed to be off the lead in countryside but dog owner should carry a lead and be willing to put the dog on the lead if required to do so. All dogs should be on leads where there is cattle (is near farms) but stop Nature England putting cattle and pigs in forestry areas !!! It's not safe for any party (cattle, dogs or humans) to be faced with huge Dexter cattle on a forest path. All that said, why are we focusing on dogs? Why is it not ok for my dog to poop anywhere yet it's ok for the neighbourhood cats to come into my garden and poo where they like, around my children's play space. Cats carry just as much bacteria that is harmful to health as dogs do.	8/10/2017 9:12 AM
110	No	8/10/2017 8:55 AM
111	You could have designated off lead areas like at Comberton/Offmore playing area	8/10/2017 4:41 AM
112	I fully believe that all dog owners must have a minimum of a third party insurance policy. Such a policy should provide for potential protection or compensation claims for anybody that may have claim against any dog not under full control that has caused injury or other accident or incident resulting in damage or injury, and that all dogs in public places should be regularly checked for chip ID and ownership.	8/10/2017 1:33 AM
113	As a dog owner, I feel strongly that owners should always pick up after their pet. Dogs should also always be under control in public, the main reasons being that there are people who are nervous about dogs and some other dogs may be either aggressive or timid with other animals.	8/10/2017 12:22 AM
114	Although I agree that we dog owners should pick up our dogs poo. I do feel that there should be more bins. There is not 1 bin at blackstone picnic area on the switchback. I have to put my dog mess in the car and take it home	8/10/2017 12:18 AM
115	I live over Areley Kings and the amount of dog mess on pavements and pathways is ridiculous. Sick of having to tell my 3 year old to watch out for poo. We always walk through the field/park area by Areley Kings village hall and dogs are constantly running over to my child and jumping up on him, twice a dog has pinned him up against the fence. He is now absolutely terrified of dogs and hides behind me and cries everytime we walk past one now. Dogs are constantly off their leads before they even get to the field and most of the owners don't seem to be able to control their dogs so should therefore not be allowed off their leads at all in public places. I feel really strongly about these issues as my children should be able to play freely without having to worry about stepping in dog mess or being jumped on. Also whilst playing on the areley kings park I found two lots of dog mess, I always thought dogs weren't allowed in park areas so was always happy to let the kids run freely so was really dissapointed to see this.	8/10/2017 12:07 AM
116	Keep dogs on leads as much as possible especially near people's houses who have cats and/or young and/or disabled children !!	8/9/2017 11:32 PM
117	I think the fine should be around £50, £100 is too much this fine should be used as a deterrent not a way to make money for the council!	8/9/2017 11:03 PM
118	Go get em	8/9/2017 10:46 PM
119	Was this survey written by an ignorant non dog owner? When will people learn it's not the dogs but the owners that are the problem. A well disciplined dog is in no way a problem, but a lazy owner who has no time to either discipline or socialise their dog is. If a dog is nervous or unsocial keep it on a lead. If it messes in a public place pick it up. If it messes in a non public place stick and flick. Don't leave your plastic poo bags round to harm our wildlife. If you are an ignorant non dog owner then don't blame the dogs simple!	8/9/2017 10:43 PM
120	Dogs should not be treated as the enemy of society. If they mess in an area in which no one would ever walk there should be no fine as heavy rainfall will wash it away. They should be allowed off the lead as this is needed to exercise them.	8/9/2017 10:31 PM

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121	There are a lot of grey areas as far as this survey is concerned. Most people do carry bags a clean up after their dogs but there will always be people who don't care no matter the fine/punishment and I worry that law abiding people may be caught out e.g you take 3x poo bags and use all 3 during your walk, you get stopped for inspection and fined because you have no more bags even though dog is not going to toilet again??? Some dogs never toilet away from home therefore no need to carry poo bags. As far a walking multiple dogs together, some people's livelihood depends on walking dogs, therefore stopping group walking would be damaging to dog walking businesses. It is also worth noting that one 'out of control' dog is more problematic than 5x controlled dogs.	8/9/2017 10:28 PM
122	Should be large fenced off areas where dogs can run freely and exercise safely, everywhere else they should be on a lead!!	8/9/2017 10:07 PM
123	More bins in walking areas to stop them hanging them on trees	8/9/2017 9:20 PM
124	If you introduce new rules, ensure that they can be properly enforced or do not bother.	8/9/2017 9:12 PM
125	All dogs should be kept on a lead in all public areas and owners should clean up after them. If not adhered to, fine owners and confiscate dogs!	8/9/2017 9:04 PM
126	Rules need to apply to all	8/9/2017 8:59 PM
127	Unfortunately not all dog owners are responsible dog owners so the council need powers to ensure that all are safe. I also think a designated dog walking area is better as not all people like dogs and want them jumping or barking at them or their children. Dog walkers in our area have the parks, the old railway track, the common, timber Lane to name just a few. If you wish to avoid dogs where can you safely take your children? Dog owners have the monopoly of the areas, they should have an assigned area where the dogs can come off the leads and if people don't want to be around this then they can go to another area, but why should the dog owners have all the areas?	8/9/2017 8:56 PM
128	This is a biased survey designed to get the answers you want to hear. If you are going to have a survey design it fairly.	8/9/2017 8:24 PM
129	If these new laws and ideas are agreed they also need to be enforced as previously there has been none or little attempt to monitor offences. If dogs are banned from fenced off play areas, benches on the other side of the fence should be made available for parents/carers to sit on whilst watching their children play safety if they have also taken their family dog to the park. Fines should increase for persistent reoffenders and the council should ensure that they have considered the safety of the enforcing officer (e.g if they are being challenged by a person when asking them to place their dog back on its lead) at all times. I am a parent and have 2 dogs so have answered these questions by considering the alternate perspectives of both.	8/9/2017 8:13 PM
130	I am an elderly male dog- owner, and always keep my pet on the lead, it makes it easier to clean up when needed.	8/9/2017 8:03 PM
131	Provide fenced off secure areas for figs to run freely inprovide more dig waste bins to prevent dog faeces in bags being left lying around.	8/9/2017 8:02 PM
132	regarding Q10,I partly agree but in places such as Hartlebury common there is so much cow/horse droppings plus fox/badger droppings that unless on a path no point in picking up	8/9/2017 7:51 PM
133	Your dog, your responsibility, so be responsible! Simple	8/9/2017 7:31 PM
134	The amount of dog poo along the Lickhill Road in Stourport is shocking. Absolutely sickens me to have to walk down the long road in to town with my children & they are that used to it they now tell me as soon as they see it "Look mommy more yakky dog poo!" Something needs to be done!	8/9/2017 7:19 PM
135	STICK AND FLICK POLICY	8/9/2017 7:15 PM
136	Some people who have lots of dogs can make them all sit calmly as you walk by. It's the odd owner who hasn't got control of one which is at fault	8/9/2017 7:00 PM
137	Most dog owners are respectful of other people in cleaning up after their dogs and keeping dogs on leads and away from children's play areas. If you have control and training of your dogs then there is no reason why you cannot have a few dogs.	8/9/2017 6:33 PM
138	It's difficult to answer these questions specifically as it does depend on a dogs behaviour and how they are on or off the lead.	8/9/2017 6:32 PM

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139	This survey is very limited in its options, and some questions cannot be answered correctly. A person can be in charge of one dog that is out of control, but another person could be in charge of several dogs keeping them all under control. Likewise, if a family take their pet to the park and dogs are disallowed in the play area, it means someone will have to stand outside the area with the dog while the children use the equipment. Many of the points raised here cannot be legislated against, but would have to be considered on a case by case basis as they happen.	8/9/2017 6:24 PM
140	If an owner has a dog that is aggressive to other dogs or people, then it should be kept on a lead at all times	8/9/2017 6:04 PM
141	1. If a person is stopped who does not have a bag it could mean that the bag has neen used earlier on walk to pick up poo, 2. Dogs accompanying parents if children using play areas should be on a lead at all times. However, banning them completely could cause problems for families who have a family dog with them and the children	8/9/2017 6:00 PM
142	If introduced all these measures need to be implemented using common sense. For example a well trained dog, off the lead with a responsible owner, is far less of a public nuisance than some dogs on the lead with irresponsible owners. What would the the cost of implementing such proposals. Is it a good use of limited council funding, or can better uses be suggested.	8/9/2017 6:00 PM
143	Dog owners who pick up in plastic bag and then leave the bag on a fence,tree etc are totally irresponsible	8/9/2017 5:58 PM
144	To the question on how many dogs should one person be in charge of depends on the size and breed. Same as if the dog should be on a lead I have a rotti who goes off the lead but if anyone or a dog is in sight they are put back on a close lead and i feel others should do the same.	8/9/2017 5:56 PM
145	I have two dogs. Always on lead unless I'm an area public don't have access to as I don't trust other peoples dogs. Every jacket I own has poo bags in it. There's is no excuse.	8/9/2017 5:55 PM
146	with regards to no dogs in play area, I think that it would be better if dogs were on a lead as opposed to banning them because parents want to take both children and dogs out at the same time (I am assuming, not being a parent myself)	8/9/2017 5:17 PM
147	In wooded areas dog faeces moved into long grass adjacent to footpaths a) will not be trodden in & b) will be recycled in short order by the resident slugs	8/9/2017 2:42 PM
148	Disabled blind dogs exempt. Power should be extended to encouragement of wild animals and birds i.e. ducks, swans and geese by feeding in inappropriate areas.	8/9/2017 9:12 AM
149	As a dog owner I would like to see more done about the mess on streets as well as other places. It's not hard to clean up after your dog.	8/8/2017 10:46 PM
150	Some dog owners pick mess up then drop it in the edge when no one is looking, they should be made to pick it up fined and there photo put up in the town,	8/8/2017 9:33 PM
151	how many prosecutions for dog fouling have there been in the last six months? What is the expected number in the next six months?	8/8/2017 8:46 PM
152	I think that dogs should be on a lead at all times in public areas including roads and footpaths	8/8/2017 5:55 PM
153	Very annoying and very antisocial for dog owners who pick up their dog's poo,but then merely hang the poo bag in the nearest tree. They are just as bad as those who do not make any attempt to pick up their dog's poo.	8/8/2017 5:50 PM
154	more conveniently placed dog bins	8/8/2017 4:19 PM
155	The number of dogs any one person can be out with does depend on their ability to control those dog: I would suggest that 3 is a maximum for anyone, but some people have problems controlling one. Poo MUST BE cleared completely away, NOT just left in a bag somewhere I think it should be taken home & disposed of in their black bin _ I take my litter home with me & I would expect to be fined if I didn't. I also cleared up after my children A campaign to make people aware of to how over fertilization by poo significantly alters the flora on nature reserves would be good. And reminder that we love to encourage children to explore off the path - they can't do that if poo has been flicked into the bushes - better to leave it in the middle of the path where it can be seen and avoided.	8/8/2017 3:24 PM
156	Dogs should be banned from public parks, play areas, playing fields and exercised on their owners prperty. Allowing a dog to urinate and not clean up should be covered by your proposed bylaw. Jubilee gardens are not a dog toilet.	8/8/2017 3:19 PM

157	I would like to see as much effort being taken to kerb littering ,riding bikes on pavements and public footpaths	8/8/2017 2:47 PM
158	Some owners simply bag dog poo and leave it where the dog made the mess - how stupid!! A pooper scooper can remove dog waste from paths etc and deposit it in areas where it can decompose without being a nuisance and save the waste from ending up in land fill sites.	8/8/2017 1:20 PM
159	It should also be an offence to leave the bags of poop in trees on paths etc	8/8/2017 1:13 PM
160	Dog mess has a huge impact upon enjoying walking and playing. If you tread in dog mess it really spoils or ends the activity.	8/8/2017 1:13 PM
161	I think people should have to clean up after their dogs no matter where they are!	8/8/2017 1:07 PM
162	Some safe fenced off areas where dogs could be let off their lead and children and their parents are made aware it is a dog play area. Better provision in some areas for disposal of dog waste.	8/8/2017 12:52 PM
163	I would be interested to hear how WFDC intend to enforce this	8/8/2017 12:09 PM
164	Owners of dogs should be responsible for the mess they make and ensure that their dog is under control at all times, there are far too many irresponsible owners. Owning a dog is a privilege not a right.	8/8/2017 11:34 AM
165	No	8/8/2017 11:27 AM
166	I am a dog owner and always clean up after my dog. The amount of dog mess on pavements and grassed areas is a disgrace but I believe that the lack of bins does not help	8/8/2017 11:25 AM
167	If dog owners are required to have the means to clear up and the PSPO officer has the right to make the owner prove it then this becomes an invasion of privacy more in line with a totalitarian state I agree that dog owners should be responsible for their pets but it is far better to do it by persuasion.	8/8/2017 11:22 AM
168	If people are responsible dog owners, like myself, they will not have a problem with cleaning up after their dog as they are usually the people who do anyway	8/8/2017 11:15 AM
169	Get something in place ASAP the amount of dog mess in public space within Wyre Forest is disgusting and I feel strongly against dogs going into children's parks and swimming/splash pad areas.	8/8/2017 11:10 AM
170	Perhaps a form of "citizens arrest" could be introduced so that dog owners must leash their dogs when asked by any concerned individual difficult to control, but all the suggestions will be met with opposition I expect!!!	8/8/2017 11:06 AM
171	Could all this be complemented with an increase in bins, specifically dog poo bins? Also, some of the responses (e,g, no of dogs) would depend on size/type of dog, or even the nature of the person in control - e.g. children who sometimes 9witnessed this yesterday on Severn Side North) do not appreciate the need to keep dog on short lead in some circumstances and with large dogs may not even be able to control it	8/8/2017 11:03 AM
172	You must note that in the countryside it is not just good enough to be carrying poop bags but that they MUST be disposed of properly! if there are no dog waste bins then the poop bags are often hung on a tree for the poop bag fairy to take away. This helps nobody and is worse than leaving the mess on the ground. I know of the phrase 'stick it and flick it' which makes sense in the countryside where rather than picking up the poop you move it out of sight so it's flicked into a hedge and off a walking path.this way it can degrade naturally out of sight without harming anyone. Obviously this should only apply in rural areas and not in towns but common sense must prevail.	8/8/2017 10:54 AM
173	All roads and paths to which the general public have access should be included. Enforcement should be given a higher profile.	8/8/2017 8:54 AM
174	Not sure you will have enough staff to catch people not picking up after their dogs.	8/8/2017 8:32 AM
175	I believe strongly in responsible dog ownership but am concerned by the leading and agenda driven nature of the questions. Not so much an objective survey as a document written to drive an agenda. Very concerning	8/6/2017 11:57 AM
176	As a dog owner I believe that all dog owners should have responsibilities regarding their dogs	8/3/2017 6:34 PM
	behaviour and also cleaning up after their dog in public places.	

178	Responsible dog owners do these, extra powers and rules don't make problems go away,	8/2/2017 8:38 PM
79	Patrolling needs to take place 24 hrs a day not just office hours	8/2/2017 8:35 PM
80	Good job!	8/2/2017 7:40 PM
81	Dogs fouling pavements or alleyways should be included in this	8/2/2017 4:25 PM
182	It's not just dog poo that's a problem, dog urine is a nuisance as well, owners need to be aware of not letting their dogs foul on people's property, urine stains and is difficult to remove	8/2/2017 3:38 PM
183	The council need to provide adequate bins around and empty them	8/2/2017 2:37 PM
184	I think there's more important things the council should be concerning their time with; not policing dog walkers or dog poo. Shall we start following horse riders around as well and make them pick up after their horses. Maybe we should start ringing the council every time the rare Shetland cattle mess all over the fields, parks, woodlands in the area that the public have access to. It's all getting a bit ridiculous in my opinion and I think we need to start using a bit of common sense.	8/2/2017 2:10 PM
185	Too many dogs so there should be tighter controls.	8/2/2017 11:24 AM
186	No I think that covers it.	8/2/2017 9:11 AM
187	Dogs on leads in public spaces, footpaths etc at ALL times should be enforced. A neighbour was knocked over by an out of control dog and she broke her wrist! Dogs frequently run into our garden and defecate. On one road a woman with 4 dogs (dog walker?) was pulled into the road narrowly missed by a car!	8/1/2017 3:33 PM
188	Last year I become a dog owner for the first time and religiously clear up after my dog. We regularly walk in local forests and woodlands. I am horrified by the number of people who obviously let their dogs out of the car, the dogs then foul the path at the beginning of the walk and their owners don't clear up after them. Fouling of footpaths is an ongoing concern too and dogs really shouldn't be allowed in any children's play areas due to health issues. The more controls that the council can bring in the better.	8/1/2017 12:40 PM
189	The idea is commendable, but not thought through enough. We believe it is likely to be unenforceable throughout the district, and costly to try to enforce.	8/1/2017 8:42 AM
190	I'm a dog owner and I walk my dog regularly. I always clean up after him and it makes me so cross when others don't. I always worm him too. However, I do think that common sense needs to be applied. If your walking in acres of woodland it may not need picking up. For example were forest at Button Oak. Wildlife poops in the wood. On the pathways there are another matter.	7/31/2017 7:04 PM
191	All dogs should be kept on leads at all times in public places unless they are in areas specifically designated for dog exerise /walking.	7/31/2017 6:39 PM
192	I think the idea is a good one but apply some common sense, please. Not all dogs owners are bad. I think dogs that are dangerous should be on the lead at all times. We have a dangerous dog act but its not enforced.	7/31/2017 6:32 PM
193	I am a dog owner but it annoys me when the few make it bad for the responsible	7/31/2017 8:34 AM
194	I set up as a dog walker 18 mths ago and won't take any more thand 3 dogs at any one time, usually just 2. I am appalled at how many people set up and so easily. I have over 25 yrs working with animals in veterinary & welfare roles, I wonder how many of these 'dog walkers' would know what to do in the event of an illness (collapse) / Injuries or fight etc. I will probably be giving up my business soon as walking a minimum number of dogs is not making a living & I will not jeopardise the welfare of any dogs in my care or around us and will not jeopardise my reputation. Perhaps some sort of register of dog walkers would be beneficial & also some sort of training on legislation about transporting dogs, first aid & basics etc??	7/30/2017 7:40 PM
195	Too many dog owners do NOT have proper control of their animals and allow them to jump up people out on a walk (dogs not on a lead).	7/30/2017 4:58 PM
196	no	7/29/2017 6:08 PM
197	Council Officers need to ensure owners dispose their "poo bags" correctly I have seen a lot of evidence of these bags being thrown into hedgerows/on footpaths	7/29/2017 4:49 PM
198	Areas such as whitewickts dogs should be kept on leads there as been numerous people who do not control their dog making it/hard for peoplr like me when my dog is on a lead. My dog has to krpt on lead because of ignorant nasty people who cannot control thier dogs who have attacked mine, people should be fined for not leading their dog end of.	7/29/2017 1:44 PM

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199	Regulations need to be enforced, will there be sufficient enforcement officers to do this, particularly in the less urban areas, e.g along the riverside etc.? I feel that dog licences should be reintroduced & the revenue raised from these used to recruit more enforcement officers.	7/28/2017 3:52 PM
200	I am a dog owner of two dogs and my issue is people failing to pick up their dogs poo. I personally find this disgusting and lazy and gives other dog owners a bad name. I am not a fan of dogs being restricted from areas or always being on the lead. My issue is dog fouling and owners who do not feel it's their responsibility to clean up after their dog!	7/27/2017 2:35 PM
201	I totally agree that all dog owners should clear up after their dogs BUT the council need to provide more dog bins in public places. In particular Habberley Valley and The Rifle Range. Both of these public places have only one dog bin each which is nowhere near sufficient. If more bins were insitu I believe more people would use them. Having said that I do not in any way condone dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the path right near the said bins. They are the irresponsible owners that give the other dog owners a bad name.	7/27/2017 12:58 PM
202	Not before time. Needs action as does the litter problem	7/26/2017 8:35 AM
203	I agree with all these new rules. As I dog owner I do not see why any responsible dog owner will have an issue adhering to these rules.	7/25/2017 4:14 PM
204	I live in an area where dogs are a huge problem but am concerned as to how these excellent rules can be implemented.	7/24/2017 10:46 PM
205	we have 2 public footpaths across our property in kidderminster which is frequently used by dog walkers, which the majority misuse constantly letting there dogs loose to run wild and leave excrement for us to clean up and regulary leave dog poo bags full hanging on our trees for us to clear up and dispose of,	7/24/2017 3:03 PM
206	It's all about is the dog under control. And yes I do think Childs play areas are a no go for dogs but open parks, woods and walks are for all	7/24/2017 12:31 PM
207	More enforcement to stop the owners of off lead dogs, with no recall, from approaching dogs that are on lead and under control. Dogs are on a lead for many reasons, due to being reactive, vision or sight impaired, disabled, elderly, recouperatingthe owners of these dogs should also have the right to walk their dogs without fear of unwelcome approach from off lead dogs	7/23/2017 8:34 PM
208	I agree strongly with most but regarding comments about dogs should be banned from parks or kept on leads in parks. This is not only unfair but also dog prejudice. I will fight it.	7/23/2017 6:27 PM
209	Target irresponsible owners, they're are plenty about.	7/23/2017 5:45 PM
210	A compromise is needed on both sides I am a dog owner and strongly feel that I should be able to walk my dogs of the lead in certain areas . Also the no of dogs walked at one time is not a problem as long as all under control one dog can be as dangerous as several dogs I walk four in one go with no problem .	7/23/2017 5:41 PM
211	Rather than the council having draconian powers to prosecute people who don't clean up, they should encourage and make sure that there are a lot of bins, also with a supply of bags. I believe that would solve the problem. In some cases it would be unfair to prosecute people if they don't have the means to clean up. For example I was out today with my poopa scoopa and found I didn't have a bag with me when my dog deposited on a grass verge. I walked half a mile home, collected a bag and came back to clear up. If some officious council employee had decided to slap a fine on me, as I walked home bagless, I would have been totally demotivated to go the extra mile in future.	7/23/2017 5:05 PM
212	I think people take things to extremes. A responsible dog owner, will pick up mess, will avoid certain situations mentioned in this. Telling an owner they can only walk a certain number is a total insult. I know my dog, I know the traits etc. It's not the responsible owners that need this sort of action. Cynical, is it just a revenue generator or someone in their ivory tower who thinks they can tell us what to do??	7/22/2017 12:24 PM
213	Dogs On Leads At ALL Times unless in specific areas.	7/22/2017 11:40 AM
214	As someone who as a walker in forest was bitten by a dog off the lead I'm very unhappy about dog owners not controlling their dogs.	7/21/2017 9:26 PM

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216	I think that there should be large enclosed areas in public parks that are allocated for dogs to be let off the lead to exercise and socialise with other dogs like the one at Comberton park. Its lovely to be able to let dogs and their responsible owners socialise freely from children and play areas.	7/21/2017 10:12 AM
217	New rules will only be effective if strictly enforced, need to say who will do this.	7/21/2017 7:44 AM
218	I own three dogs, they all are trained NOT to toilet unless in their own garden (where they have a designated area) therefore I don't often carry bags to clean up as I simply don't need them. I strongly agree that all dog owners/walkers should clean up any mess left by their dogs though. Just felt I should add this fact as I'm certain I'm not the only owner who's pets don't require their owner to carry bags. I'd find it difficult to remember to carry bags after years of not needing to use them. I obviously used to carry them when my dogs were younger and unpredictable. I feel it would be unfair to receive a fine when I know my dogs don't need me to carry bags and haven't done so for around three years. Could there perhaps be some kind of tag offered to show exemption after attending a dog training course perhaps? Something owners could attend to allow a professional to judge whether they're well trained and safe in public places and that they don't need poop bags etc. This could be a self funded venture. So, it would be organised by the council but paid for by dog owners who wished to attend. Maybe even offering coloured leads so the animals overall nature is clearly visible to others. Obviously these are just ideas but I feel most conscientious owners would be grateful of this opportunity.	7/21/2017 12:20 AM
219	Put more litter bins as well as dog bins.	7/20/2017 10:23 PM
220	I am a dog owner myself and as mine is a spaniel and needs to run I feel that I should be able to let her off the lead in nature reserves woodland and other public areas she is friendly and trained. I agree that dogs should not be in children's play areas off a lead or roads or high streets or town central areas but canals, river walks, and other open spaces should be for all as long as well behaved	7/20/2017 10:07 PM
221	I am a dog owner and I welcome all these proposals	7/20/2017 9:58 PM
222	More poo bins	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
223	Should include picnic areas	7/20/2017 4:12 PM
224	Fine should be 200 pounds	7/20/2017 3:30 PM
225	Fairness	7/20/2017 3:21 PM
226	Need more closed areas for dogs so they can be let off lead	7/20/2017 2:34 PM
227	No	7/19/2017 5:11 PM
228	Dogs should be allowed in play areas/splash parks if on a lead and under control. When on nature reserves etc, people should pick up after their dog on the paths but if the dog has gone off in to the bushes then they should not have to try and battle their way through to pick it up.	7/19/2017 1:19 PM
229	no mention of dogs being on leads on pavements why not. They should be controlled and on a lead. WE live in Windermere way Stourport the number of dogs being walked off lead is increasing. The police do not want to know, neither does the council. It should be against the law to walk a dog off lead adjacent to a highway everywhere it should be not only a local policy but a national one. Or do we just carry on regardless in a lawless society, where it seems that you can do just what you want. I remember years ago all dogs had to have a dog licence why not now? Keeping a dog on the lead keeps the dog under control, and all users of the highways and pavements safe, cars and pedestrians alike. I would wecolme your comments,.	7/19/2017 12:03 PM
230	Stourport has a real problem with dogs off the lead. As a runner,cyclist & walker, I'm fed up of being chased,harassed & bitten. I get verbal abuse from owners when I ask them to recall their animals. Please please address this problem before someone is seriously hurt. Thank you.	7/15/2017 10:44 PM
231	As with all things this is not always black and white and some discretion should be allowed. Your survey would provide more info on this if you allowed comments by each question.	7/15/2017 2:37 PM
232	Glad something is being looked at.	7/13/2017 4:19 PM
233	People should be warned or educated first so everyone knows.	7/13/2017 3:30 PM
234	Glad to see something is being done.	7/13/2017 3:06 PM
235	Issue is people picking up and leaving bags	7/13/2017 2:57 PM
236	There are not enuff pooh bins in open spaces were people walk there dogs or on our streets in the towns	7/11/2017 7:43 PM

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237	Some public areas like town centre dogs should always be on leads. I've seen 2 dogs fighting in town which frightened some people	7/11/2017 3:23 PM
238	How will this be enforced as signs have done nothing to stop dog owners letting there dogs foul in the parks or on the pavements. Most walks I go in and around Bewdley I see dogs off there leads. Has anybody been fined for letting there dog foul in Bewdley?	7/11/2017 8:53 AM
239	We need more bins dotted around to ensure you can put dog bag in, on my walk around our estate there's one each end of an alley but not around the rest of the block. I also think if someone puts there dog on a lead when being approached by other dogs, people, then the others should respect that & not let their dog approach & should control, I have been attacked tonight by a dog who turned round and ran back and knocked me over then started attacking my dog which was on a lead. If one owner says there dog isn't good with others then the other owners should also put their dog on a lead & not think it's ok for their dog to roam free when it can cause a situation, I now have a sore back and sprained ankle from a pit bill bowling me over to get to my dog and have a go.	7/10/2017 11:42 PM
240	Being a responsible dog owner, I find it objectionable that the same rules do not apply to those that throw/leave litter which takes many years to biodegrade, and is just as offensive as dog fouling. How do the Council intend to enforce these new regulations; it is advertised, in some places that "Officers patrol this area", I have Never seen an "Enforcement Officer" in all the years that I have lived in the locality.	7/10/2017 6:53 PM
241	My dog walks perfectly to heal off the lead and wouldn't chase a cat. I have more control over them him others do with their dogs on a lead. I don't believe I should have to keep my dog on a lead when he is impeccable behaved	7/10/2017 6:39 PM
242	If you require owners to pick up then suitable bins should be provided not more than one quarter mile apart, otherwise 'cover and kick' off a public path must be an acceptable option.	7/10/2017 5:31 PM
243	Cleaning up dog mess is fine providing it is done properly,i.e. if no bins available people take their dog mess home and dispose of it. Many people pick up the dog mess and then throw the plastic bag and contents on to the ground anyway. Better that they use a stick and flick the dog mess into bushes as recommended by the Forestry Commission rather than leave plastic bags around which seriously endanger wildlife and also take a long time to break down leaving the dog mess where it was in the first place-ON THE GROUND!	7/10/2017 3:56 PM
244	In my opinion if you won't to be a dog owner you should be prepared to clean up after them, after all they can't do it	7/10/2017 2:29 PM
245	I love dogs, but, they need to be controlled when out, particularly around children. As for collecting poo, this surely goes without saying. Come on all dog owners, not doing this could lead to them being banned from many places, and no one wants that!	7/9/2017 9:33 AM
246	I don't want to see people who accidentally allow their dog to foul a public area. Weather you have one dog or many dogs you should be in control of your dog.	7/8/2017 1:27 PM
247	I think it's a great idea to address this but am surprised Habberley Valley wasn't specifically mentioned as this is heavily fouled. I'm also mindful that many of your questions are leading towards a stance that is directly contradictory to the advice of the Forestry Commission who have a 'stick and flick' policy. This seems far more sensible than a blanket requirement/offence to pick up in EVERY location, irrespective of how remote (e.g. Nature reserves). It's far more environmentally friendly and pragmatic to take that approach as opposed to a risk of £100 fines where the provision of dog bins is also likely to be minimal.	7/8/2017 11:24 AM
248	Most responsible owners will always clean up after their dog and let their friendly dogs off the lead. You will always get owners who may be irresponsible with their pets and if it comes to that, their children My experience is that runners and walkers in Stourport Memorial park, Burlish Top and on the Hartlebury Common harmoniously mix with dog walkers. Exceptions will exist, but a heavy handed approach will completely destroy the freedom that particularly older dog owners experience. It keeps them healthy and exercised and the joy and benefits far outweigh the few objectors who are always more vocal and often more miserable than most live and let live for heaven's sake what has happened to the world?	7/8/2017 9:59 AM

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249	As a childminder with an outdoor ethos I regularly take my children to Burlish Top and nearly every time we go one of the children or myself treads in dog mess which means when we get home it is a task to clean our shoes or wellies before we can enter the house. It also means that far from enjoying our walk we are constantly looking where we are walking as Burlish Top is covered with poop. I would also like to add that on many occasions we have been traumatised by dogs running up to us and on several occasions dogs jumping up at us with the owners saying "They won't hurt you they only want to play" well I am sorry, to a small toddler it is very frightening and we do not want to play!!! no owner can 100% guarantee that their dog is safe around small children. It would make such a difference to us if these issues could be addressed permanently thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions	7/7/2017 8:00 PM
250	More bins need to be provided on pathways out of busy areas. Look at having small fenced off areas in "no dog/on lead areas"to allow dogs off leads (for exercise or to toilet)	7/7/2017 8:10 AM
251	I have seen dogs wee up the children's climbing frame /slide on the park on marlpool lane on more than one occasion. My children have stood or got dog poo on their clothes numerous times. My son was also bitten by a dog on this park and I'm aware of 3 other children also being bitten there. Both of my children are now scared of dogs and cling to me when dogs are let off their leads and chase them or there balls in the park, this should be a happy and safe environment for children to play. The dog mess on marlpool lane is also awful, you can't get a buggy down to school without going in some through some mess. I do think there should be certain places where people are safe to walk there dogs and let them off there leads. Marlpool lane park did have a no dogs sign however this seems to have been removed	7/6/2017 7:11 AM
252	I agree with banning dogs from gated play areas, football fields but don't ban them from roaming with control in a public park as there are many responsible dog owners out there. These owners are out all year round and not just fair weather users, who complain during summer months and leave their rubbish and dirty nappies in the parks and wildlife areas. The fine of 100 to not pick up after a dog should also be given to people who throw bagged poo into hedges. this creates more hazard to wildlife than a dog poo that is washed away by rain water.	7/6/2017 1:02 AM
253	As a dog owner it frustrates me the number of owners who do not have control of their dog when it is off lead nor pay attentuon when their dog fouls! As to the number of dogs a person can manage depends on breed of dog and the dogs tenperment.	7/5/2017 5:10 PM
254	Should be on a lead in most public places	7/5/2017 4:57 PM
255	I hope the law regarding poo bags isn't abused if dog owner has used all bags.	7/5/2017 4:42 PM
256	Too many people own dogs. Dogs were originally working dogs not pets.	7/5/2017 4:36 PM
257	I know some responsible dog owners and some very irresponsible ones. Any reasonable dog owner would agree with this.	7/5/2017 4:27 PM
258	Think dogs should be on a lead if scaring people. Or if people are unable to control the dog.	7/5/2017 3:35 PM
259	Stick and flick is suitable for some areas	7/5/2017 3:05 PM
260	Would like to see cctv or dummy cctv in place.	7/5/2017 2:36 PM
261	Owners can read but dogs can't. Owners need to take responsibility.	7/5/2017 2:32 PM
262	Special exemption for the old blind blue badge holders.	7/5/2017 2:17 PM
263	Justhe make sure you enforce dog poo bags.	7/5/2017 2:14 PM
264	Areas on main walk ways to school should be included as there is nothing worse than your child going into school with dog muck on their shoes	7/5/2017 8:44 AM
265	Excluding dogs from play areas could be difficult if a parent is taking the dog and children out. However, dogs should be on a lead if in a play area.	7/5/2017 7:48 AM
266	I own a dog.	7/5/2017 7:30 AM

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267	Please consider the 'stick and flick' method favoured by Forestry Commission in some more remote rural areas like the forest/farmers fields. As dog owners ourselves, we are so frustrated at the amount of mess in Bewdley. It is unfortunate these measures have to come in place but is what it is. In terms of being asked to put dog on a lead This question is too vague. What are the criteria that would give an officer the authority to take this action? I.e if a dog is behaving and a family who don't like dogs are nearbydo the dog owners have to suffer. We are concerned some of these measures will give too much power and restrict responsible dog owners too much. If a dog is jumping up people, raiding their picnic etcwe agree owners should be asked to put on lead. However there must be clear guidelines to prevent 'power tripping' council officers ruining things for those of us who are responsible dog owners.	7/4/2017 10:31 PM
268	It has to be organised sensibly. I am able to take my dog in forest(she wouldn't poo on lead or on footpath anyway), but elderly are limited to where they can go and there must be an open space thathey can use locally. How about providing poo bags at park entrances but definitely not where children are playing. Child playing areas and dog walking areas.	7/4/2017 8:26 PM
269	I always clear up after my dogs if they do their business on pavements or public footpaths, or in any vicinity where people might be walking. I always carry bags but if I was on my way back from a walk and had used up my bags I would not want to be fined for not having the means to clear up.	7/4/2017 8:24 PM
270	I am a responsible dog owner but there are plenty who aren't and they need to be made to clean up after their dog	7/4/2017 6:30 PM
271	I don't think it's fair to make all dogs be on a lead at all times. My dog needs a lot of exercise and therefore needs to be allowed off the lead in order to get it. It's not like dogs are allowed many places anyway. I have 2 young kids so I have to go places suitable for them all.	7/4/2017 6:16 PM
272	Dog fouling is a major problem and everything possible should be done to ensure that owners act responsibly.	7/4/2017 3:49 PM
273	I am a dog owner and agree fully about the ideas put forward	7/4/2017 12:50 AM
274	I think it is very important you communicate with the regular walkers/local community more so than those who venture to woodlands once every year.	7/3/2017 4:49 PM
275	I think in woodland and other areas - flicking it into undergrowth with stick preferable to bagging and leaving bags on path/trees/bushes etc - usually not enough bins	7/3/2017 3:59 PM
276	I'm all for fining irresponsible owners but are the Council enforcers going to be on duty at 5am+ and 7pm+ when people who don't careless walk their dogs.	7/3/2017 3:28 PM
277	I hope these new measures will be enforced. Well done Wyre Forest its fantastic that your Woking positively towards tackling anti-social behaviour!	7/3/2017 9:15 AM
278	There should be more fenced off areas just for dogs, with more poo bins, I don't like that dogs can run round playing fields and mess, were I live the alley ways are full of dog mess it's bad and children walk that way to and from school etc, there are bins but some dog owners don't care and leave the mess.	7/3/2017 7:22 AM
279	I live down Lorne Street in Kidderminster, the dog fowling in my street and Offmore road area is disgusting, i have always said dog poo should be tested by DNA where found and owners should be penalisedI know this would be way too expensive but there has to be another way as at the moment nothing is changingA dog fouling/rubbish warden would be great in all areas	7/3/2017 6:51 AM
280	Dogs should always be kept on leads in all pedestrianised areas.	7/3/2017 12:00 AM
281	its important to be firm but fair, dog walkers must not be penalised but they must be made aware that there are tangible consequences should they choose to flaunt the rules	7/2/2017 4:51 PM
282	This was hard to do as i have a dog i have pay good money to make sure our dog is well trained so some of this is very unfair to good dog owners but i do see the need at the same time there are good and bad owners x	7/2/2017 9:25 AM
283	The fine should be more than £100	7/2/2017 8:28 AM
284	As a big walker, who is very frightened of dogs, i am fed up of people who think a dog of the lead in any public place running towards me is acceptable. I think dogs shouldbe kept on leads in all public places. There seems to be far to many loose along pavements, parks, towpaths, etc. And the dog mess left behind has increased quite a lot recently.	7/1/2017 8:51 PM
285	provide more dog poo bins!	7/1/2017 12:24 PM

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286	Include canal towtpaths, lock areas including Stourport Basins.	7/1/2017 8:25 AM
287	I am a dog owner and all rights of way should be covered by these rulespublic or private land.	6/30/2017 11:09 PM
288	With regards to no bags to collect dog mess this may be hard to inforce as many people will say they have already cleaned up after there dog and put it in a bin. Also need more people to enforce these rules and all times of the day not just 9-5. Let's get serious about cleaning up the mess by ensuring enough bins are around also.	6/30/2017 10:47 PM
289	More patrol people in residential areas. Our roads Turton Street/Batham Rd/Vine Street/James Rd near Hurcott woods are particularly bad. If irresponsible dog owners do not see patrol wardens regularly then they will disregard the threat of a fine because how will they be caught?	6/30/2017 10:27 PM
290	The 'flick with a stick'for areas of the Wyre Forest, off Long Bank, away from yellow, green and red routes is sensible	6/30/2017 9:21 PM
291	A person out walking should always pick up they're dog poo it's got to a point I'm constantly washing my pram wheels or mine and my children's shoes because people can't be bothered to pick up theirs dogs poo and this is usually by my children's school maybe a stronger fine will stop them from being lazy and have more respect for other people.	6/30/2017 8:17 PM
292	If someone takes a bag to pick up waste, but use it and dispose of the bag correctly, then are approached to prove they can have the means to clean up again is a hard one to deal with, I take two bags as I know my dog will only normally need one, but occasionally needs two, if I had used the two I would not be able to provide one if asked by a council officer, but I would not accept any proposed fine based on this fact	6/30/2017 7:55 PM
293	Stop dogs coming out of there houses only to poo - i.e. Lea street!!	6/30/2017 7:51 PM
294	Dog owners need to be made responsible for clearing up there own dogs poo	6/30/2017 7:07 PM
295	I think that all dogs no matter where should be kept on lead. However I also think dog owners should have a secure off lead area to exercise them.in that way you wouldn't have off lead dogs running loose over parks	6/30/2017 6:59 PM
296	Muzzle dogs when off the lead, ban extendable leads dogs can't be controlled when they are a long distance away from their owners.	6/30/2017 6:43 PM
297	I agree that yes a person should pick up there dog mess but under circumstances. Like what if the dog has diarrhoea? It's not as easy to pick that up.	6/30/2017 6:36 PM
298	Thank you for taking this action	6/30/2017 6:30 PM
299	Owner of two dogs fed up of people using areas like Hartlebury, Spennells fields etc as a dog toilet. Also object to people throwing poo bags instead if disposing in bin. Love to let my dogs off lead in appropriate areas.	6/30/2017 6:26 PM
300	Constantly dodging dog mess on my school run with my pushchair on Marlpool Est, hideous.	6/30/2017 5:57 PM
301	Dogs should be on lead in all public places where people are present	6/30/2017 5:46 PM
302	I am amazed that you see fit to consult on restricting access to playgrounds and pools. Surely this is a public health issue and should be implemented regardless.	6/30/2017 5:08 PM
303	With regards to limiting the amount of dogs. Depending on what your limit would be i would think that some people (such as dog walkers etc) should be allow to obtain permission from the council or some sort of licence. And poo bags, i have seen some councils be awkard with people using carrier bags. I think it shouldnt matter what you use as long as you clean up.	6/30/2017 5:08 PM
304	I think people should be able to send off photographic evidence of offenders for proof. I've had to throw away a brand new pair of my sons shoes today because of someone not picking up dog mess outside my sons school!	6/30/2017 5:05 PM
305	This really needs to happen. Far too many dog owners allow their dogs off leads. The dogs run up to children and jump up them. Dog owners walk their dogs on Baxter college playing fields. Some pick up faeces, but they can't pick up bacteria/diseases/parasites from where the faeces or urine has been. The grass/trees between wyre forest school and Baxter college where parents walk from the playing field car park to collect their children is covered in dog faeces. There needs to be rules with consequences introduced. Yes dog owners have the right to walk their dogs; but the public has a right to walk without stepping in dog faeces.	6/30/2017 11:17 AM

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306	Please do not use these powers to clampdown on good dog owners. Dog fouling is horrid and I am angered when I walk my dog and see so much dog mess around. I think powers to ensure dog owners are held responsible for this are good, my fear is that these powers will have no end and once in place we will have dogs being banned from many areas when it is only the minority of dog owners causing an issue. I think any enforcement/implementation of the Public Spaces Protection Orders should be done fairly and equitably and not be used as a hammer to crack a nut. I and many other dog walkers would support a more proactive approach on dog fouling, but if the order is used unfairly or if enforcement is overzealous, that would be a different thing, especially if the service was commissioned out to a private sector company such as Kingdom or 3GS. There have been examples of overzealous approaches to littering, again dropping litter is something I abhor; however enforcement can go too far. http://www.kentonline.co.uk/maidstone/news/firm-suspended-after-fining-woman-103324/ http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/30/litter-wardens-suspended-after-woman-fined-80-for-feeding-ducks/ http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/14447678.Overzealous_Private_litter_wardensfollow ing_people_into_shopscouncil_told/ If the PSPO is used fairly to crack down on dog fouling, I will happily support the scheme. If it used by private companies to make money and there is harassment, overzealousness or knee jerk reactions, I, and I expect others (as evidenced by the above articles) would actively challenge this with the Council and our Councillors.	6/30/2017 10:14 AM
307	This proposal should also deal with dog owners disposing of the bags in an irresponsible manner. (Hanging in bushes etc.)	6/30/2017 9:53 AM
308	As a Canal and River Trust Volunteer Lock- keeper I think that the relevant officer powers should be extended beyond Council Officers. We are there all the time rather than chance encounters by WFDC staff.	6/29/2017 11:05 PM
309	The saying "leaving only footprints" applies equally to our canine friends "leave only paw prints"!!! It serves the environment well for the future.	6/29/2017 8:57 PM
310	Would there be provision for such direction being given by other Proper Officers such as Church Wardens and Canal & River Trust employees, that is officers of the land on which the offence is being committed?	6/29/2017 7:40 PM
311	As a responsible dog owner and dog trainer (Show dogs-Ringcraft) I take this very seriously. In my home area of Greenfinch Close Kittiwake Drive Cardinal Drive. We had NO DOG WASTE BINS AT ALL PROVIDED. I changed that by calling the Members of the Wyre forest District Council until they sent out a then young Councillor Marcus Hart to ask me where I wanted the bins. We have since "lost"one of these bins by way of the pole that it was attached to falling down and never being replaced! There has been an awful lot of dog waste left since then by people too lazy to carry it to another bin! On the whole when walking my Rottweilers always on a lead around Spennells I very rarely see dog waste left on the pavements. Occasionally I spot it in the wooded areas but that is where people tend to let their dogs off the lead and once out of sight they cannot or don't want to see their dogs poo!!! I think you as a council should take the lead (no pun intended) in this by installing free poo bags by the bins in areas where dogs are messing and owners leaving it. I see many older people that flatly refuse to pick up poo!! And also many (in my opinion too young children) taking dogs out and not watching what the dog is doing while they are on their mobiles! It is normally the "lazy" Sunday dog walker who lets their dog off the lead as soon as they can that does not pick up poo. I cannot see the problem personally as like I say to the kids it keeps your hands warm in the winter!!!! Another problem I have found over the last few years especially around my area is "You the council" have reduced the amount of grass cutting that is done and me as a responsible dog owner really struggles to pick up poo in long grass!! Any chance you can cut this more frequently?? Also Can we please have more dog bins as this will reduce the amount of mess or is this not possible due to budget cuts? As for having dogs off leads I personally hate this in park areas as out of control dogs are always coming up to me while I am walking my Rotties on the lea	6/29/2017 10:03 AM
312	Most responsible owners already adhere to these requests	6/29/2017 8:10 AM
313	There should be dedicated woods, and areas for dogs to be allowed to run free. There are some parks that have this, but they are inadequate in size for larger dogs, and not secure.	6/28/2017 7:48 PM
314	I think all Dog mess should be picked up on parks/paths and public spaces. However in Nature Reserves if Dogs do it in the bushes it can be tricky to pick it up. It is all about being aware of other people especially children.	6/28/2017 5:22 PM

315	How many dogs you can walk should depend on the breed size. Seen a lady on Spennells walking three rottweillers she can barely control - however three Chihuahuas are not going to cause the same problems!	6/28/2017 4:08 PM
316	If dog owners, of which I'm one, can't agree to these common sense rules, I agree that they should be fined! But, of course, you have to catch them in the act!	6/28/2017 2:45 PM
317	Need fines for people who pick up dog poo and leave bags in trees etc	6/27/2017 9:00 PM
318	Rules about walking multiple dogs should not be enforced as a blanket rule as many multiple dog owners actually have far more control over their dogs than some individuals with one dog! It is unfair to penalise these people. Control is subjective and on the individual policing the "offence" and would someone be prosecuted if they had picked up every poo to find themselves stopped as soon as they have just filled their very last bag! There are more littering problems created by people who bag and then leave the bags by a post or hanging off a tree! However, I agree that dogs should not be in play areas and splash pools	6/27/2017 2:43 PM
319	Excellent work well done and long overdue	6/27/2017 9:17 AM
320	Please look at adding more bins to these areas before making changes and introducing fines. Far too many times we have had to leave a place after taking dogs for a walk holding a poo bag out the window until we can find a bin in a nearby village or town. So before looking at imposing stricter/harsher rules look at what you are actually expecting dog walkers to do.	6/27/2017 8:57 AM
321	You should focus more of your time on dogs messing on pavements and walkways and on people who think it is acceptable to bag dog mess then throw the bag on the floor or hang it on a tree. Parks and open spaces should be for dogs to run free and act like a dog. Yes, people should have control of their dog but o would prefer less drug dealers and drunks in the parks and public open spaces, what are you doing with them?	6/26/2017 9:45 PM
322	Some dog owners do not put their dog on a lead if it can be aggressive and expect the other dog walker to keep away from their dog, if there is an issue it's always never their dog. Dog owners need to understand their responsibilities towards other people and dogs.	6/26/2017 6:48 PM
323	Provide more bins & make sure they are regularly emptied, then maybe you won't have the problem.	6/26/2017 5:59 PM
324	This is a strange survey with very limiting responses. It does not give other alternative options or look at the cause of people not picking up after their dogs, lack of suitable bins, removal of exiting bins and so on. If the council really believe that most owners are responsible and do clear up after their dogs then I fail to see what the point of this Public Space Protection Order is nor how, realistically you will enforce it. The inference that you would have Council staff demanding to see peoples dog bags is not something I would like to see nor experience.	6/26/2017 4:40 PM
325	Am concerned about the prospect of fines for not having a means of disposal - will officers have the right to search people? Surely a crime is only committed when poo is not cleared up. will cigarette smokers have to carry an ashtray?	6/25/2017 6:29 PM
326	There needs to be more bins provided for dog walkers to use and designated areas where dogs can be let off the lead (under control of owners). It some areas it may be appropriate to 'stick and flick' ie. remove the mess from footpaths into undergrowth.	6/25/2017 12:56 PM
327	When asking people to pick up after their dogs you also need to provide plenty of dog bins for them to deposit the dog mess & they need to be emptied on a regular basis, which would help stop at least one of the lame excuses for not picking up.	6/25/2017 9:58 AM
328	All dogs should be on leads at all times	6/24/2017 12:58 PM
329	Don't know/no opinion option does not give true reflection. I have opinions that could not be reflected in this survey due to limited answers.	6/24/2017 12:33 PM
330	I'm fed up of waking past bags of poo that dog owners have clearly taken the time and effort to bag but decide to either discard in a hedge or hang from a branch of a tree. Could more be done to ensure that bins are made available in areas where this sort of thing is frequently reported. This isn't necessarily about putting in more bins but ensuring that existing facilities are also maintained, monitored and emptied regularly and also suitable for purpose (I.e. Bin hasn't been set on fire, ripped off its mounting or been vandalised).	6/24/2017 12:31 PM
331	Dogs should be on leads on pavement so that they don't be cause accidents	6/23/2017 11:27 PM
332	All dog owners should clean up after their dogs, it's not nice to see dog mess all over the place	6/23/2017 10:05 PM

333	I think dog owners should pay an extra tax due to the environmental impact of their dogs poo and poo bags.	6/23/2017 3:01 PM
334	In public places, if dogs do not walk to heel when called they should be on a lead. Dogs who 'won't hurt you' or are 'only wanting to play', etc. are still frightening to small children. We are tired of having to limit where we can go because of dogs with no obedience training.	6/23/2017 6:54 AM
335	How can anyone object to measures keeping people safe and areas clean etc? Outside schools is another issue. Dog mess, dogs left tied up unattended at school gates 9Far Forest, Bewdley Primary). Also dogs should not be left outside shops etc. They can scare children, possibly bite people's legs or bodies of young children or stolen!	6/22/2017 10:55 PM
336	I am a dog owner and a mother. We enjoy walking our dog on nature reserves but wish that people would pick up after their dogs as kicking to the side does not stop it being stood in or in my daughters case all over her hands as she was playing in the leaves. Nature reserves are for everyone not just dog owners. We also find the smell very offensiveparticularly at the entrance to the woods at Hurcott Pool. I really hope that this changes and also feel more bins should be provided to assist with the change.	6/22/2017 10:17 PM
337	Not sure that making these things "an offence" will be particularly helpful. Will "offenders" be caught by luck rather than design. How much of a deterrent this would be to some I'm not at all sure - fines need to be set at a realistic level. Perhaps a thoughtful code of canine and owner conduct in Wyre Forest like the countryside code would be more useful than a punitive scheme. This could be well publicised on open land and public areas, by local councillors literature, newspapers etc.	6/22/2017 3:42 PM
338	About time people were made to clean up on any public footpath, private farmland etc or otherwise.	6/22/2017 2:54 PM
339	I have 6 dogs and have spent years training them and all 6 are fully under control 100% of the time. I don't think I should not be able to walk them all together anymore just because other people are irresponsible with their dogs	6/22/2017 1:41 PM
340	white wickets is also another area that people dont clean up after dogs and they dont have them on leads and cannot control them when off i think closed in fields wer dogs who want to be let of can do with other dogs and be safe to have a run with people who are ok with that.	6/22/2017 12:51 PM
341	Any discussion of limiting numbers is pointless unless you say what number you are talking or give space to include a number in reply.	6/22/2017 12:35 PM
342	Maybe cameras in public areas where people walk their dogs would enable you to spot and fine these people who think they don't need to pick up from their dog?	6/22/2017 11:13 AM
343	why should children have to fear walking around in a park, all dogs should be kept on a lead. I'm fed up of owners saying there dog is fine and letting them get in a child's face. A fear is a fear! As adults we chose whether we want to face our fears but a child who has a fear of a dog is forced to face it every time they go out in parks/forests, it's simply not right!	6/22/2017 9:06 AM
344	Brilliant.idea. Fair too.much.dog.pooh around.especially comberton	6/21/2017 7:25 PM
345	Fine only after 2nd offence. 1st time just a recorded warning	6/21/2017 6:36 PM
346	How would fines (in particular) be enforced? But also other aspects relating to this questionnaire - monitoring dogs in childrens play areas/ cemetaries and other public spaces, also restrictions to the number of dogs a person is allowed to have under their control. As a resident that lives in close proximity to the canal tow path I regularly witness dog walkers in charge of more than 3 dogs that are not placed on leads, as the animals are not directly under their owners control and have the ability to roam and defecate and their owners can be oblivious!	6/21/2017 5:15 PM

347	Dog fouling is a real issue and some owners appear totally disinterested in the health risks it poses, particularly to children. Also some owners are quite aggressive if challenged, and have more than once threatened to set the dog on the person complaining. In respect of dogs on leads two should be the maximum permitted - I regularly encounter dog walkers on the Birmingham Rd in Kidderminster who seem unable to control their dogs on leads and are being dragged by them. The control makes no mention of children given control of dogs: I regularly see small children (11 yrs old) out and about with fierce looking dogs which they are barely able to control - this is particularly common in Baxter Gardens and St Georges Park. I suggest that children found in control of a dog should be taken home and their parents issued with a PSPO. Adult walkers regularly disrupt children's football games in St Georges Park and Baxter Gardens, letting their dogs off the lead near the boys playing football. The dogs chase the ball or the boys and scare them. I think this could, unfortunately, be racially motivated which is very bad, and more community warden patrols in that area would be appreciated by the wider community. Muzzles: some dogs appear very fierce and snap at the legs of children and at other dogs. This can be extremely frightening for the child and can cause a normally timid dog to attack the fierce dog, as if in self-defence. I think that Council Officers should be allowed to determine whether a dog should be muzzled, identify it and issue the owner with a PSPO notice to muzzle it in future. A breach of that would also result in a fine. I hope this is not too detailed a list but I like dogs and think that good and enforceable rules will encourage more responsible behaviour amongst the minority of dog owners who cause problems.	6/21/2017 4:56 PM
348	With regards to restriction on amount of dogs that can be walked at once. If this is a strict limit, I think there should be an exception for registered dog walkers.	6/21/2017 4:39 PM
349	Less Government, More Freedom	6/21/2017 3:24 PM
350	I think the number of dogs being walked should vary according to size and strength, it would be safer to walk 4+ small dogs than 4+ large stronger dogs.	6/21/2017 3:13 PM
351	I am a dog owner and when I take my dog for a walk I always have poo bags and everyone who walks a dog should have them.	6/21/2017 3:01 PM
352	This is long overdue. I am very pleased the Council proposes to address this anti social issue with strong, unequivocal measures. Please ensure, if implemented, you actually CARRY OUT these measures. No good having plans if you don't act on them. You will have our full support.	6/21/2017 2:30 PM
353	I think this is a great initiative! It's only a shame that it hasn't been introduced sooner.	6/21/2017 2:10 PM
354	I have a disabled daughter who is quite vulnerable in her pushchair - many times a dog has jumped up at her in her chair. Also, we were recently having a picnic in Brinton Park by the Splash Pad and a lady was allowing a white dog to run all through the families sat with their young children trampling food and leaving muddy paw prints all over towels and blankets. I also believe that the fenced off areas of the children's play parks should be dog-free to allow children to play freely without fear of dogs running around.	6/21/2017 1:45 PM
355	I have agreed with the majority of the comments as I would hope that responsible dog owners would already do this and would not affect their freedoms etc. However, something has to be done to deter those who do allow their dogs to be out of control in areas where there are vulnerable people etc. I think that there should be areas, not just the play area itself, that dogs should be on leads to allow parents to let toddlers run free without fear. Also could we have more patrols re dog fouling in the streets that are on the school run to deter those from allowing their dogs to poo at 6am before the children follow the same route 2 hours later.	6/21/2017 1:18 PM
356	We live on Oulton Close (we moved there Dec 2016) It is a lovely area to walk our dog and take the children over Puxton Marsh but we were shocked at the amount of poo on the streets. Puxton Marsh is littered in poo. As responsible dog owners ourselves we find it digusting. We fully back the idea of fining on the spot etcabout time!	6/21/2017 1:17 PM
357	I am a responsible dog owner and none of this would worry me but may be fine according to number of offences i.e £25 1st time £50 2nd time then £100 every time	6/21/2017 12:45 PM
358	Any dog outside of the owners own land if not on a lead should be put down, no discussion. All dogs should be chipped now, any that are not need to be given a week to get them done, failing this put them down. This Council needs to get tough on dogs and rid the place of as many as we can to clean the place up and make it safer. Only dogs to be allowed in areas should be guide/care dogs.	6/21/2017 12:39 PM
359	Would like to have had some question on training of dog owners especially with regard to dogs barking.	6/21/2017 12:38 PM

360	Dogs in public places should ALWAYS be on a lead and owners should be held accountable for clearing up dog mess and keeping their dog/s under control at all times.	6/21/2017 12:26 PM
361	I realise this is probably already included but also all churchyards. In St. Georges Church Kidderminster dogs are often let off their leads and allowed to roam freely.	6/21/2017 12:26 PM
362	Ensure children are also kept under control & use the same rules for litter dropping	6/21/2017 12:15 PM
363	All the suggested measures should be strongly enforced to ensure that dog owners know they will be fined if they do not comply.	6/21/2017 10:33 AM
364	There are not enough responsible dog owners; they need to be encouraged to take responsibility for their dog and be mindful of other people who live and use the areas	6/21/2017 9:26 AM
365	Too many people do not clean up after their dog. I live on the rifle range estate and in some areas there is dog poo all over the grass and on the pavements, unless this issue is dealt with and followed through, this problem will get worse, there are elements of society who do not care and certainly have no intention of cleaning up. My partner and i are responsible dog owners and never take our dog for a walk without a handful of bags, in our area one lady even commented to us on how she had noticed that we always clean up after our pet where as most people do not .A heavy fine will hit people where it hurts as long as it is followed through, i would also name and shame, after all, this is a pretty dirty and unhygienic thing to do	6/21/2017 9:17 AM
366	No excuse for not cleaning up - I am a dog owner and it's not difficult!	6/21/2017 7:48 AM
367	The problem is that I don't think offenders will be approached and those that keep leaving Dog mess will continue to do so. Also I like walking my very well controlled dog off the lead in public places. She walks next to us and is no problem to anyone, it is a shame to yet again penalise those behaving responsibly and I am sure offenders will carry on. I know of at least one dog who is not allowed out without a muzzle by police order is often walked loose.	6/21/2017 6:24 AM
368	There is a great risk that that these new laws will penalise responsible dog owners. I have two small children and I also have 3 dogs. My dogs are trained to go to the toilet with a verbal command. So I can walk them without any toileting. I have never needed a pooh bag. I have also been at the other end of the scale picking other people's dog mess off my stroller wheels. We need balance. Education about good dog ownership and education about not approaching strange dogs in public. The amount of times that I've been on a walk with the dogs and I have had both adults and children stroke my dogs without my consent. People will reach down and touch my dogs before I have a chance to say no. Luckily my dogs are well trained and would not hurt someone. Will there be more bins for dog owners to use? Will these bins be regularly cleaned? Will these new officials have any kind of cainine behaviour training? What if you are stopped and asked to provide a pooh bag when you have just used your last one? An off lead dog is not always an out of control dog. One person can easily walk multiple well trained dogs. Will dog no go zones be well sign posted? With a tight council budget where will the money for this come from? Bewdley has already lost its police station.	6/20/2017 10:35 PM
369	Not all areas can be treated the same. Wild areas require different rules from manicured areas. A country park is not the same as a town park. Farmland is not the same as urban woodland which is quite different from the forest.	6/20/2017 10:30 PM
370	Maybe look at supplying free poo bags to encourage people. I'd also make it law to have dogs chipped too if its not already & then have random checks. Would help stop dog theft, cruelty and unsuitable owners.	6/20/2017 9:39 PM
371	With nearly all questions, it depends on the situation- aggressive dogs out of control dogs should not be off lead Children play areas should allow dogs on leads	6/20/2017 8:40 PM
372	Re fine amount. I'm not against fining people for not clearing up after their dogs in pavements and parks, but do think the fine should begin at around £40, to £100. In parks, there could be dog bag dispensers, if cost-effective. Additionally, I do not think people should be limited to the amount of dogs they can bring to a public place	6/20/2017 8:28 PM
373	I'm completely fed up of walking through Blake mash and along the back of the allotments and poo dodging with my kids I can't let them run on for fear of treading in poo or worse if the fell over landing on it is terrible the amount of pop everywhere if u have a dog u should clean it up ??	6/20/2017 7:54 PM

374	Firstly, when walking through forests e.g. Wyre forest and Hawkbach (to name just two) there are NO poo bins, or any bins. I strongly believe in picking up after your dogs poo, however people do need somewhere to put it. With the exhaustionate price of parking at the Wyre forest centre there should be dog poo bins everywhere. Even dog poo bags for those people who are perhaps a bit forgetful or the dog has an upset tummy and more bags were needed than they had. Secondly, when dogs run off freely, not only do the majority of them upset families with small children or people who have their dogs on the lead, also those people can't watch their loose dog 100% of the time therefore they would not notice if their dog had had a poo or not.	6/20/2017 7:39 PM
375	Areas where dogs are to be kept on lead should be WELL posted with worded and picture signs	6/20/2017 7:17 PM
376	I think all dogs should be muzzled when out in public areas, and all dog poo should be picked up by their owners but why when they have done do they hang it on trees and bushes out side people's houses we live by a walk through and it's really bad I would call it dog ally.bring on this laws for the wyre forest.	6/20/2017 5:27 PM
377	Nope	6/20/2017 5:14 PM
378	I think any dog fouling that someone leaves behind that person in charge of the dog should be fined and also named and shamed. People have let there dogs mess right outside my garden gate and I have had to clean it up so know one walks it into my house. I have 2 dogs of my own and we carry poop bags everywhere where we take the dogs for a walk, Even my daughters when taking my dogs on there walk take plastic gloves and clean up bags and bin them in a proper bin on the way back also sometimes they have to put them in our own black bin. What I also find disgusting is when people do bag it then throw the bag into the hedge instead of a bin that's just as bad as leaving it.	6/20/2017 3:39 PM
379	More dog waste bins in places like habberley valley, rifle range etc. We have some beautiful dog walking spots but never any bins even just in the carparks would be good.	6/20/2017 2:45 PM
380	Litter is as offensive what are you doing about that? I would rather pay someone to issue penalty fines than pay some one to clear it up. Why are you focusing on dogs. Litter creates as big a health concern and encourages vermin. Are dog owners an easy target to make money from. There are also so many grey areas like if you clean up after your dog and then it goes again and you have no bag, surely that is different to someone who does not bother. With regard to the number of dogs it should also depend on the age of the person looking after the dog and they type. Clearly a child looking after a chihuahua or a trained dog walker is different to some looking after a number of big dogs. By having strict rules you will penalise responsible dog owners.	6/20/2017 2:18 PM
381	I am a dog owner having had dogs all my life and I have no problem in cleaning up after her. What I do think is required for owners to be more responsible it definitely more bins.	6/20/2017 1:57 PM
382	Poo bins and free poo bags should be present at all entry and exit points to public land and throughout towns and villages.	6/20/2017 1:48 PM
383	provide more bins	6/20/2017 1:37 PM
384	I think some of the questions were not specific enough i.e the question about limiting the amount of dogs you can walk at one time. I could not agree with this in case it was then limited to one dog. The number of dogs should be stated in order for people to pass an opinion.	6/20/2017 1:20 PM
385	If you have a dog then you are responsible for it end of	6/20/2017 1:18 PM
386	It is the owners responsibly to clean up after their dogs. I find it disgusting and disgraceful if they don't. Me and my children regularly go for walks and their is always a lot of dog poo about! How anyone doesn't pick up after their own dog is diabolical.	6/20/2017 1:15 PM
387	Carrying a poop bag is one thing, using it another! Why not allow 'name & shame' photos in local press. As a dog owner I sincerely wish that you would make the same effort for people who leave litter. This can be very dangerous to dogs, wildlife and children. More poo bins and regular emptying would also help.	6/20/2017 1:04 PM
388	Fully agree with intention - my only proviso would be that, if a parent has a dog on a lead and takes it into the play area while their child is playing, I wouldn't be too concerned about that. Absolutely agree, dog owners need to be more responsible and it is a top complaint with Councillors. Tracey Onslow	6/20/2017 12:14 PM
389	Dogs under control should be permitted all places including children's areas. Control being the key word here. Would rather step in dog faeces than on a needle. Please do not lose focus on priorities here WFDC.	6/20/2017 11:50 AM

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409	I do wonder how this offence can be enforced, however. I do understand that it needs to be addressed.	6/19/2017 11:27 PM
410	Depending on areas where you propose dogs to need to be kept on a lead it may be better to state the dog must be under control	6/19/2017 11:26 PM
411	The number of bins needs to be vastly increased. There is a severe shortage of general waste bins, let alone dog bins (especially on known dog walking routes). The proposed changes also seem unrealistic in terms of being manned. There are not enough community support officers around to begin with.	6/19/2017 11:19 PM
412	We need more signage and proper enforcement of this. Sandbourne Drive in Bewdley and the path way and public space linking this to Brook Vale are a particular problem where I live	6/19/2017 11:05 PM
413	I am a responsible dog owner, I have attended dog classes so I'm in full control of my dog, I always clean up after her. Please don not discriminate me and my dog because of the few that ruine it for everyone else	6/19/2017 11:04 PM
414	fantastic idea, hope there is support for this	6/19/2017 11:01 PM
415	Fed up with the kids area in Wolverley (and others) smelling if dog urine whenever it's sunny, finding dog mess on grass verges where kids play and even in the kids play areas. We rarely use the areas now. Also want to make it clear that even though I don't have a dog, I love seeing them around and the majority are fine, but it's the serial offenders that annoy	6/19/2017 10:44 PM
416	maybe provide fenced in areas in all parks for dogs to be let loose in only, like Baxter park has in Kidderminster	6/19/2017 10:37 PM
417	I don't agree with a limit on dogs as I am a dog trainer and have 4 dogs and keep them under better control than most peoples single dog	6/19/2017 10:28 PM
418	The majority of dog owners are responsible. Any new byelaws must be aimed at catching offenders rather than unnecessarily harassing reasonable people.	6/19/2017 10:24 PM
419	There would need to be more bins, and the bins would need to be emptied regularly. The bin by the duck pond on Spennells is currently overflowing and smells foul.	6/19/2017 10:12 PM
420	This survey is fine,alot of common sense really but some dog owners don't appear to have any!!!,although dog owners WILL complain as here in the wyre forest you are not providing poo bins for the dog waste(Northwood lane/ trimply reservoir especially). Coventry city council did the same and do provide waste bins and employed enforcers it worked for us in Coventry less mess and the dog owners got named and shamed in the local newspaper. I have to be totally honest we have never lived anywhere as bad as here for dog fowling,in bewdley load street you have to play hop scotch over and around the poo and at the local market i had to point out to one man with a dog on an extended lead "your dog has fouled the pavement you need to pick it up" at the top of my voice and waited to ensure he did so I've decided because it's green,woody and an abundance of green grass people just don't care and very few will have a nice country walk carrying a poo bag a percentage of the way. It is dirty here so good luck with your conquest.(I do own two dogs myself)	6/19/2017 10:09 PM
421	What about a three-strikes-and-out system for penalising for the absense of poop scooping equipment; people sometimes forget to bring it with them. Dog poop in built-up areas should be punished, but poop could fertilise soil in natural places, so what about seperate rules for both types of places?	6/19/2017 10:03 PM
422	I think if your child is the only child on park or splash pad that the dog should be allowed in (if on lead) if another family enter then you should leave (I dont agree on tying dogs up and unfortunately a lot of people do this at parks and the poor dogs are sweltering in the heat just tied up and now able to move round) obviously let your dog do its business before entering either as I wouldn't want my child touching stuff that a dog has pooed or peed over so keeping your dog under complete control would be necessary, I also think all dogs should have the collar/harness/lead saying if they are safe to approach or not and if they good with people or other dogs, and if not they should not be allowed off lead at all, I always keep my dog on lead due to it being attacked by an off lead aggressive dog, I understand friendly dogs will wander over to those not so friendly but if your dog dont have a good recall then surely you should keep it on lead and if it does it wont get close enough to the aggressive dog to cause a problem	6/19/2017 9:57 PM
423	Yes I agree but more dog foul bins should be provided. It is one thing to pick up after ones dog/s but it would be nice not to have to carry this round for miles.	6/19/2017 9:56 PM

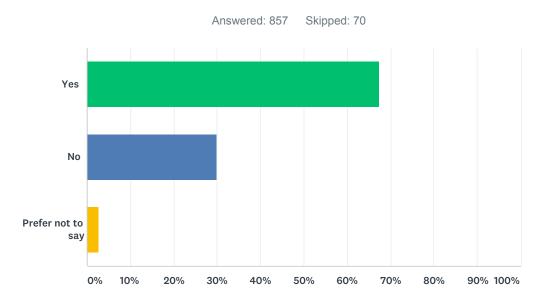
424	To seriously make this work its seriously got to be manned. Hope you intend to employ quite a number of PSPO because Dog owners need to see PSPO regularly	6/19/2017 9:55 PM
425	I would also like to see horse riders fined if they don't clean up their horse mess on public footpaths , which aren't designated bridle paths	6/19/2017 9:48 PM
426	You have 1 sign on the High St entrance to QE gardens, saying dogs on leads. There are no similar signs at the other 2 entrances. Please be consistent and use the same sign at all 3 entrances.	6/19/2017 9:41 PM
427	The trouble is there is dog walkers that go out early or even let their dogs wonder off and dont walk them on the lead.	6/19/2017 9:37 PM
428	Laws are no use if there is no enforcement!	6/19/2017 9:26 PM
429	Not sure how enforceable this will be and what difference this will have on dog fouling unless there are regular patrols. There should be certain areas patrolled such as play areas and roads by schools as this is potentially a health hazard.	6/19/2017 9:10 PM
430	The alley way to to rear of Franche Primary is always covered in dog poo. Not very nice for our children to walk down on their way to school.	6/19/2017 9:07 PM
431	Anywhere children play, parks and pathways are understandable, nature reserves and forests not so. Also when walking my dog I very often take just one poop bag as i know he wouldn't go twice, what if I were to use this, dispose of it and then be stopped by an enforcer?	6/19/2017 8:54 PM
432	Horse poo is a rising problem too!	6/19/2017 8:51 PM
433	Great idea. :)	6/19/2017 8:49 PM
434	How are you going to enforce matters? I can't see pcso's doing any more than they do already. Neighbourhood wardens are not on the streets. Civil enforcement officers employed specifically to enforce? Please be realistic. I am a dog owner and I am also sick of dirty owners! I support what you are trying to do but focus on the possible and prosecute.	6/19/2017 8:48 PM
435	Have more safe dog friendly areas to exercise off lead, getting harder to exercise dogs properly. More bins in appropriate places	6/19/2017 8:35 PM
436	Some dogs should be muzzled . Also don't allow dogs to jump up others.	6/19/2017 8:23 PM
437	long time coming	6/19/2017 8:20 PM
438	There are lots of responsible dog owners who clear up after dogs! I don't think people should be fined for not carrying poo bags as my dog does 3 poos every walk so sometimes i only carry 3 bags and maybe more in the car!	6/19/2017 8:16 PM
439	Don't punish the responsible just come down hard on the irresponsible	6/19/2017 8:15 PM
440	Although I agree with all these points I feel there should also be dog friendly zones where they can run free. Also a more heft fine for throwing bagged mess onto fenced off areas (or more dog bins on routes for dog walkers)	6/19/2017 8:02 PM
441	Make it an offence to leave full, plastic poop bags dangling on fence posts, trees, bushes or merely left on the ground for some magic poop fairy to clean up. If no bin is available, the dog owner MUST take it home for disposal. I would be interested as to how you propose to police these regulations. It's all well and good to have rules and penalties but what is the use if they aren't enforced rigorously.	6/19/2017 7:56 PM
442	I own a number of dogs and have more control with my voice and whistle over these dogs off lead than some people have over one dog. Everyone should attend a dog training course and be able to produce a certificate that says their dog is appropriately behaved around people and dogs - otherwise the dogs should be muzzled by law	6/19/2017 7:50 PM
443	Although I agree with putting measures in place I don't think they will be very effective in changing people's behaviour.	6/19/2017 7:50 PM
444	I hope something comes of this	6/19/2017 7:49 PM
445	Dogs are a problem in Hurcot Wood, anyone like myself that go there just to walk are often intimidated by dog walkers with who at times turn up with 6 or more dogs allowed to run loose with little or no control, several times I have had dogs jumping up at me. If you complain you're deemed to be the person at fault	6/19/2017 7:49 PM

446	I think if you're in a forest and the public have right of way, it would be beneficial to "flick it with a stick" into the undergrowth. Bags can cause more mess than the actual dog mess. OR there should be more dog bins so people can dispose of bags.	6/19/2017 7:44 PM
447	Any respectable dog owner would clean up after their dog no matter where	6/19/2017 7:33 PM
448	Enforce dogs on leads on public rights of way and foot paths, there is one lady who regularly walks her dog lead through Bewdley and often the dog races ahead when knows theres another dog in the vicinity so it is not under control.	6/19/2017 7:26 PM
449	Dog owners should be encouraged to use biodegradable poop bags. I always use them & they break down in 18months thus not leaving those awful plastic bags everywhere!!!	6/19/2017 7:19 PM
450	I thinks it's important to put things in perspective. The amount of complaints received is relatively low compared to the amount of dog owners across Kidderminster, stourport, Bewdley and Wyre Forest as a whole. The majority of people do have full control of their dogs and do pick up after their dogs. It's a minority that fail to do so. I don't believe the majority should be punished because of a few. More bins would help. More signs would also be of benefit; such as 'dogs should be under control at all times', 'don't let your dogs be a nuisance to other park users', pick up after your dog'. I stongly believe people react to good visible signage rather than having to remember more rules. White wickets park in kidderminster is a fantastic example, there used to be lots of dog mess dotted around; new good signs went up and in my opinion the amount of mess has fallen drastically.	6/19/2017 7:16 PM
451	Particular concern is keeping dogs out of children's play areas and sports fields. One example is the park at the top of Marlpool Lane, there are No Dogs Allowed signs but these are blatantly ignored. I have seen several people, some with multiple dogs, use the park as a dog toilet. Some clean up and others don't. Young children regularly play in that park and dog faecies can often be seen on the grass which is a clear hazard.	6/19/2017 7:06 PM
452	Hoping & praying WFDC manages to put this in place. As a dog owner who is responsible & cleans up after my dogs. I hate seeing mess left especially with young children stepping in it.	6/19/2017 6:53 PM
453	Stupid idea. It is not for the council to control people.	6/19/2017 6:44 PM
454	It's a good Idea to try and implement these plans but dog owners just discard the bags in bushes after their walk, they then get burst open spreading the dog mess everywhere. I live by Puxton Marsh and often have to play hopscotch with my grandson dodging the mess. It would be more environmentally friendly if the owners discarded the dog mess under a bush etc out of people's path and then dispose of the dirty un biodegradable bags in bins provided or as the old saying says take your litter home. This is totally unworkable and enforceable in my opinion. But good luck !	6/19/2017 6:25 PM
455	I personally feel dogs are the least of the worries for the council. Litter and inappropriate behaviour from people is more of a problem.	6/19/2017 6:22 PM
456	It's a no brainer. It's your dog so pick up after it and not everyone is a dog lover. Never trust somebody who says their dog is friendly and won't cause a problem.	6/19/2017 6:21 PM
457	Don't punish the majority of dog owners just because of a few thoughtless people.	6/19/2017 6:16 PM
458	I own 3 dogs	6/19/2017 6:06 PM
459	All parks and open spaces should have regular patrols so that offenders can be caught but times and days should be varied	6/19/2017 5:41 PM
460	About bloody time!	6/19/2017 2:51 PM
461	These seem to be sensible measures which I hope are imposed and enforced.	6/17/2017 9:30 AM
462	Dogs on leads and controlled in play area's and splash areas should be considered. Families should include their pets as long as they are under control. Lets not isolate families with pets.	6/16/2017 9:25 AM
463	Brinton park play area and splash pads are often full, but people allow dogs in there. This is unsafe, but who will monitor this as owners can be aggressive when challenged?	6/15/2017 12:20 PM
464	Can't agree with blanket exclusion of dogs from "certain areas" - you need to explain exactly which areas you are contemplating in order for me to make an informed decision.	6/15/2017 11:39 AM
465	Very good that this order will apply across the district.	6/15/2017 10:28 AM
466	Glad to see something is being done.	6/15/2017 9:50 AM

This is a great idea... Well done WFDC!

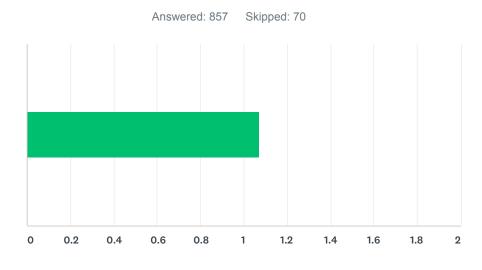
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Q13 Are you a dog owner/dog walker?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.33%	577
No	29.87%	256
Prefer not to say	2.80%	24
TOTAL		857

Q14 How many dogs do you usually walk?



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES	
		1	919	857

Total Respondents: 857

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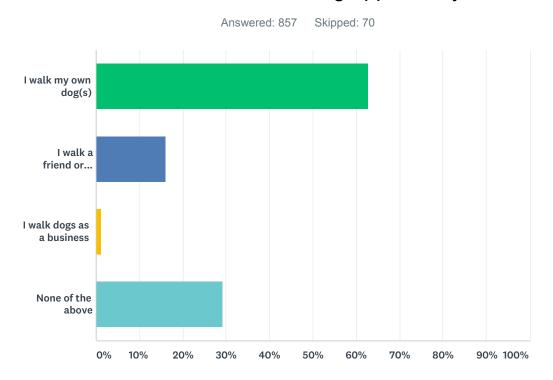
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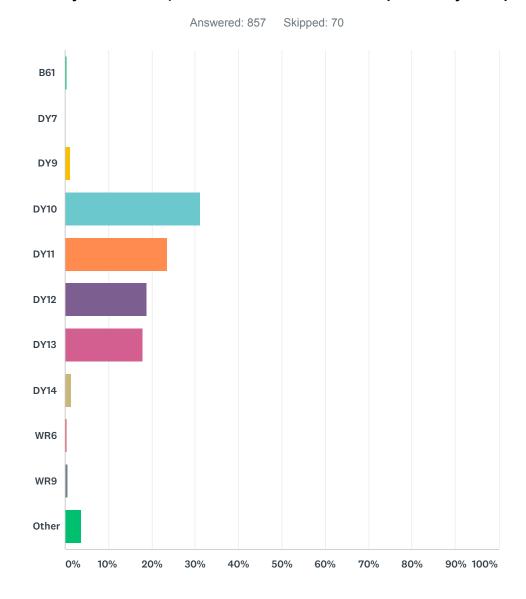
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Q15 Which of the following applies to you?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I walk my own dog(s)	62.66%	537
I walk a friend or family member's dog(s)	16.10%	138
I walk dogs as a business	1.17%	10
None of the above	29.29%	251

Q16 Where do you live? (Please select the first part of your postcode)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
B61	0.35%	3
DY7	0.23%	2
DY9	1.17%	10
DY10	31.16%	267
DY11	23.69%	203
DY12	18.90%	162
DY13	18.09%	155
DY14	1.40%	12
WR6	0.47%	4
WR9	0.70%	6

Other 3.85% 33
TOTAL 857