

## **The Clean Neighbourhoods And Environment Act 2005**

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties etc)  
Regulations 2006  
(S.I.2006/1059)

### **The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Rother District Council) Order 2008**

The Rother District Council hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008
2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

#### **Offence**

3. (1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:
  - (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to do his failing to do so; or
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who:
  - (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
  - (b) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move every day objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.
- (3) For the purposes of this article:
  - (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
  - (b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or the disposal of waste shall be sufficient removal from the land;
  - (c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;
  - (d) each of the following is a "prescribed charity":
    - (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)

- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281)
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

**Penalty**

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

Date 24 January 2008

THE COMMON SEAL of ROTHER )  
DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto )  
affixed in the presence of:- )

Chairman of the Council

District Secretary

**Schedule**

Any land within the administrative area of Rother District Council which is open to the air, including covered land which is open to the air on at least one side and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) of the following descriptions:

- (a) Any highway, footways, footpaths, twittens, promenades, steps and towpaths within the area of Rother District Council and any adjoining verges or ornamental areas, which are maintained at the public expense.
- (b) All pedestrianised areas within the Rother District Council.
- (c) All Parks, Gardens, Recreation and Sports Grounds, Commons, Amenity Areas or other open spaces owned, occupied or maintained by or on behalf of any of: Rother District Council, East Sussex County Council, Hastings Borough Council, a registered social landlord/housing association, any town or parish council within Rother District, any other public authority or any charity.
- (d) Any cemetery, burial ground or churchyard.
- (e) Any public car park or parking space.
- (f) All beaches and dunes.

**Exempted Land :** Any woodland, marsh or agricultural land and any Access Land as defined in Part I of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.