

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL/ ANNUAL REPORT

**GCPP
APCG**



ENW'R GRWP /NAME OF GROUP: **Caring4k9s**

CYFANSODDIAD/MEMBERSHIP:

Cllr Dilwar Ali (Chair), Cllr Norma Mackie (Vice-chair and Secretary)
Cllrs Fenella Bowden, Graham Hinchey, Mary McGarry, Rod McKerlich, Bablin Molik and Kanaya Singh.

CYLCH GORCHWYL / TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- To raise awareness of and encourage responsible dog ownership in Cardiff;
- To reduce dog attacks on children and adults in public places including parks;
- To reduce dog fouling;
- To rescue all pets in relation to animal welfare.

MATERION POLISI/ POLICY MATTERS

1. Public Space Protection Order for Dog Controls and related Scrutiny Reports
2. Reducing Dog Fouling
3. Welsh Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dog Ownership including Microchipping, Licensing and DNA testing
4. Progress on Banning Third Party Commercial Sales of Puppies and Kittens

CANFYDDIADAU/ FINDINGS

See attached report from the All Party Council Group Caring 4K9's to the Cabinet Members for Culture & Leisure and Clean Streets, Recycling & Environment.

FFORDD YMLAEN/ WAY FORWARD:

To continue to meet as an APCG to progress recommendations.

ARGYMHELLION/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

We would recommend that:

1. Public Space Protection Order for Dog Controls and related Scrutiny Reports

- a) Consideration be given to training PCSOs, park employees and volunteers as "Authorised officers" to be able to give direction that a dog be put on a lead.
- b) That any education includes consideration for nervous dogs so that they put their dogs on their leads when a nervous dog is identified.

This could include developing a system where nervous dogs can be identified e.g. a certain colour of lead. There could also be identified times when, to allow nervous dogs or nervous adults and children to use parks etc., that there be identified times when all dogs should be on leads.

- c) Dog Control Notices, as implemented in Northern Ireland, allow early intervention by local authorities or police if they had concerns about a particular dog owner whose dog has been found to be “out of control”. This could include keeping the dog on a lead in public, muzzling the dog in public, securely confining the dog when not under control, neutering males, microchipping, enforced training and education with consistently robust sanctions for offenders.
- d) We would also recommend that there be one point of contact for reporting dog incidents. It was felt this should be Cardiff Council. This would enable more accurate data capture to inform future measures.

2. Reducing Dog Fouling

We would recommend that:

That further consideration be given to a Dog Fouling Strategy for Cardiff that takes into consideration new technologies, adequate disposal facilities and education/information systems along with visible enforcement. This could include providing extra bins and free Bio-degradable poo bags at libraries, hubs etc.

3. Welsh Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dog Ownership including Microchipping, Licensing and DNA testing

We would recommend that:

The Cabinet Members consider suitable methods of ensuring dogs can be identified and that the owners have effective information and dog training.