



Didcot Town Council's Dogs on Allotments Policy

As per section 8 of the rules, whereby:

“8. Dogs are allowed on the allotment sites, provided that they are well behaved and remain on a lead at all times. The plot holder is responsible for their dog and will need to make sure that any dog mess is picked up and disposed of accordingly. Dogs are not to become a nuisance to any other plot holders. The Council reserves the right to retract this, should these rules not be adhered too.”

All dogs will remain the sole responsibility of the tenant.

Didcot Town Council requirements for allowing dogs on to the Allotment sites

The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 is an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom prohibiting or restricting certain types of dogs and codifying the criminal offence of allowing a dog of any breed to be dangerously out of control.

The following conditions **must** be met when bringing your dog onto the allotment sites:

1. Under the Act, it is illegal to own certain breeds of dogs without an exemption from a court. As such these dogs WILL NOT be allowed on the allotments, under no circumstances:
 - Pit Bull Terrier
 - Japanese Tosa
 - Dogo Argentino
 - Fila Brasileiro
2. Under the microchipping law that came into effect on 6 April 2016, all dogs and puppies must be microchipped and registered by the age of eight weeks. Please make sure your dogs are microchipped.
3. Dogs will need to remain on a lead AT ALL TIMES when on the allotments. No straying onto adjacent plots is allowed.
4. No aggressive dogs will be allowed onto the allotment sites.
5. Any dogs causing a nuisance may be asked to leave - Please note that if a dog is particularly nervous, then this might constitute a nuisance to others and you may be asked not to bring the dog to the allotments in future.
6. All dogs mess MUST be cleared up by the owners and disposed of in the correct manner. Any tenant found to be allowing their dog to foul on the allotment and not disposing of it will be in breach of their contract and risk the Town Council terminating their tenancies.

While not compulsory, it is advised that you insure your dog before allowing them on to the allotments. This will then make sure both you and your dog are covered, should anything happen.

Should you be found to be in breach of any of these rules, Didcot Town Council reserves the right to terminate permission of allowing you to bring your dog onto your allotment.

Should issues remain on one site with allotment holders not adhering to these rules, Didcot Town Council reserves the right to revoke the rules regarding dogs on that particular site.

