Your guide on how to be a better dog owner
Information on Responsible Dog Ownership from North Tipperary County Council

Excessive dog barking that causes a nuisance is an offence
The County Council has no control over the issue of dogs barking.If you are bothered by persistent barking, talk to the owner in question. If this does not work and if a nuisance is being created by excessive barking by a dog, any person may complain to the DistrictCourt under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986. Section 25 of the Control of Dogs Act is a statutory control over barking dogs. The District Court may:
1. Order the occupier of the premises in which the dog is kept to abate the nuisance
by exercising due control over the dog.
2. Make an order, limiting for such period as may be specified in the order, the number of
dogs to be kept by the respondent on his premises.
3. Direct that the dog be delivered to a dog warden to be dealt with by him in accordance with the provisions of this Act, as if the dog were an unwanted dog.

You need a Dog Licence if you own a dog
It is an offence to keep a dog unless you have a licence. In order to obtain a licence you must be over 16 years of age. Licences are available from any Post Office and cost €12.70. You can be requested by a dog warden to produce evidence of your dog licence and failure to do so can result in an on-the spot fine of €150.

You need to keep your dog under control
Your dog must be accompanied by and be under your effective control or the control of another responsible person if it is outside your home or premises or the home or premises of the person in charge of it.
Under the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 certain breeds of dogs are considered dangerous, must be on a secure lead and wear a muzzle in public e.g. American Pit, Bull Terrier, English Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Bull Mastiff, Doberman, Pinscher, German Shepherd (Alsatian), Rhodesian Ridgeback, Rottweiler.
Keep your dog secure at night time as it may be a killer around farm animals.
Dogs must at all times wear a collar that bears the name and the address of the owner inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc. Failure to have identification on a dog can result in an on-the-spot fine issued by a Dog Warden. Failure to pay this fine within a specified period can result in prosecution by your local authority.

Dog Fouling is an offence
Dog owners are obliged to clean up their dog’s dirt. Failure to do so is an offence under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 - 2003.If you do not clean up after your pet, you are liable to receive an on-the-spot fine of €150, which if it is not

paid, means you can be brought to Court and can lead to a prosecution with a much larger penalty. 'Pooper Scooper' bags are available in the Civic Offices, Area Offices and Town Councils free of charge to help you clean up after your dog. Dog litter bins are available on some walking routes in urban areas and general litter bins can also be used to dispose of the dog litter.

Did you know…?

Dog litter can cause disease
There are a number of health risks associated with dog fouling, the main one being Toxocariasis which is a common worm infection found in dog faeces particularly at risk as they tend to crawl on all fours on grass parks and play areas and their immune systems may not be as developed as adults. The onus of the control of this infection rests entirely with dog owners who should not allow their dogs to foul in public areas. All dogs should be routinely treated against this worm and dog owners should clean up after their pets in order to reduce infection. Dog dirt does not have to be fresh to be infectious.

North Tipperary County Council has a Dog Warden

North Tipperary County Council employs a Dog Warden. Dog Wardens have the power to request the name and address of a person suspected of an offence under the Control of Dogs Act. They also have the power to seize and detain any dog and to enter any premises, other than a residence with 5 or more dogs, to seize and detain a dog. You are guilty of an offence and can be arrested by a Garda if you obstruct a Dog Warden in the course of his or her work, refuse to give your name and address or give a false name and address.

Remember your dog is for life!

Be a responsible pet owner - log on to www.ispca.ie to find out about neutering, microchipping, worming, vaccinating, house training, obedience classes, exercises and feeding. If you would like to rehome a dog visit your local dog pound or log on to North Tipperary County Council's website to view dogs looking for a new home www.tipperarynorth.ie/rehome
Report a Litter Offence to Litter Free Phone 1800 250 350
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Do threoir ar bheith id’ úinéir níos fearr ar do mhadra
Bíodh aithne mhaith agat ar do mhadra

Eolas ar Úinéireacht Fhreagrach Mhadra ó Chomhairle Chontae Thiobraid Arann Thuaidh

Cion é salú ag madraí

Tá de dhualgas ar na h-úinéirí cac a madraí a ghlanadh ina ndiaidh. Mura ndéanann is cion é faoi Achta um Thruailliú ag Bruscar 1997–2003. Mura nglanann tú i ndiaidh do pheata d’ fhéadfaí fíneáil de €150 ar-an-spota a fháil, agus nuair nach ndíolann tú ciallaíonn sé gur féidir tú a thógáil os comhair na cúirte agus bheith cúisithe le pionós i bhfad níos mó mar iarmhairt air.
Tá málaí ‘sluaistíní caca’ ar fáil ins na h-Oifigí Sibhialta, ins na h-Oifigí Ceantair agus iad saor in aisce chun cabhrú leat glanadh suas i ndiaidh do mhadra. Tá araid bhruscair do mhadraí ar fáil ar bhealaí siúil áirithe i gceantair uirbeacha áirithe agus d’fhéadfadh araid ghinearálta bruscair d’úsáid chun cac mhadra a chur de láimh.

A’ raibh fhios agat…?

d’ Fhéadfadh cac mhadra a bheith ina chúis ghalair
Tá baoil áirithe bainteach le cac mhadra, an ceann príomha ná Toxocariasis atá ina ionfhabhtú coitianta péiste ar fáil i gcac mhadra gur féidir i gcásanna áirithe tromchúiseacha bheith ina chúis daille. Tá leanaí óga, ach go h-áirithe, i mbaol mar tá de nós acu bheith ag lámhacán bolg le cré ar pháirceanna féir agus ar cheantair shúgradh agus tharlódh nach mbeadh an imdhíonadh acu chomh forbartha is a bheadh ag daoine fásta. Tá freagracht smachta an ionfhabhtaithe ar úinéirí na madraí ina iomlán nár chóir dóibh ligeadh dá madraí salú a dhéanamh in áiteanna poiblí. Ba cheart do gach madra cosaint a fháil i gcoinne na péiste seo agus ba cheart do úinéirí madraí glanadh i ndiaidh a bpeataí chun ionfhabhtú a ísliú. Níor gá do cac madra a bheith úr chun a bheith ionfhabhtaíoch.

Is cion an iomarca amhastrach ag madra atá mar núis.

Níl aon smacht ag an Chomhairle Chontae ar mhadraí a bheith ag amhastrach. Má tá tú curtha amach ag amhastrach leanúnach, labhair leis an úinéir i gceist. Mura n-oibríonn seo agus má tá núis á dhéanamh trí an iomad amhastrach ag madra, is féidir le h-aon duine gearán a dhéanamh leis an gCúirt Dúiche faoin Acht um Smacht Madraí, 1986. Tá rannóg 55 den Acht um Smacht Madraí ina smacht reachtúil ar mhadraí ag amhastrach. Is féidir leis an Chúirt Dúiche:

1. Sealbhóir na h-áite ina bhfuil an madra á choimeád an núis a laghdú trí an smacht ceart a chur i bhfeidhm ar an madra.
2. Ordú a chur i bhfeidhm ag cur teorainn ar feadh na tréimhse a bheadh sannta san ordú, ar an méid madraí a bheadh cead ag páirtí na cosanta a choimeád ar a shealúchas.
3. A ordú an madra a bheith tugtha suas don mhaor madraí a déileálfaidh leis de réir an Achta seo mar gur madra nach le h-aoinne é.

Más leat madra ní foláir Ceadúnas Madra a bheith agat dó.

Is cion é madra a bheith agat mura bhfuil ceadúnas agat dó. Chun ceadúnas a bheith agat ní foláir duit bheith thar 16 bliain d’aois. Tá na ceadúnais ar fail in aon Oifig Phoist ar chostas €12.70. Is féidir maor madraí iarraidh ort an ceadúnas a thaispeáint agus mura ndéanann tú amhlaidh d’fhéadfadh fíneáil ar- an-spota de €150 a bheith ma iarmhairt air.

Ní foláir duit do mhadra a choimeád faoi smacht. Caithfidh do mhadra a

bheith i dteannta leis agus faoi smacht éifeachtach agat, nó ag duine eile freagrach má tá sé lasmuigh de bhaile nó de shealúchas an duine atá ina fheighil. Faoi réir ag Rialúcháin um Smacht ar Mhadraí 1998 aithnítear póir mhadraí áirithe go bhfuilid contúirteach, go mbíonn siad ar théad stóinsithe agus go bhfuil smachtín béil orthu amuigh m.sh. Tarbh-Bhrocaire Meiriceánach, Tarbh-Bhrocaire Sasanach, Tarbh-Bhrocaire Staffordshire, Tarbh-Mhaistín, Doberman Pinscher, An t-Aoire Gearmánach (Alsáiseach), an Ronnach Róidéiseach, Rótvaidhléir. Coimeád do mhadra slán istoíche mar d'fhéadfadh sé bheith ina mharfóir i measc ainmhithe feirme. Caithfidh madraí bóna a chaitheamh i gcónaí ar a bhfuil ainm agus seoladh an úinéara inscríofa air nó ar phláta, ar shuaitheantas nó ar dhiosca. Mura bhfuil sonra aitheantais ar do mhadra agat d'fhéadfadh fíneáil ar an spota a bheith eisithe ag Maor Madraí. Má theipeann ort an fhíneáil seo a dhíol laistigh de am sonrach áirithe d'fhéadfá bheith ionchúisithe ag do údarás áitiúil.

Tá Maor Madra ag Comhairle Thiobraid Arann Thuaidh

Tá Maor Madra fostaithe ag Comhairle Chontae Thiobraid Arann Thuaidh. Tá de chumhacht ag Maoir Mhadraí ainm agus seoladh a lorg ó dhaoine a cheapann siad go bhfuil cion déanta acu faoi Acht Um Smacht Madraí. Tá de chumhacht acu, chomh maith, aon mhadra a ghabháil agus a choimeád agus dul isteach i dtigh, seachas ceann le 5 cinn nó níos de mhadraí ann, chun madra a ghabháil agus a choimeád. Tá cion déanta agat agus d'fheadfá bheith gafa ag na gardaí má chuireann tú isteach ar Mhaor Madraí le linn dó nó di a bheith i mbun dualgais, gan do ainm agus do sheoladh a thabhairt nó ainm agus seoladh bréagach a thabhairt.

Cuimhnigh gur madra feadh a shaoil atá agat! Bí freagrach mar úinéir – déan www.ispca.ie a iniúchadh chun a fháil amach faoi neodrú, faoi mhicrishlis a chur isteach, faoi phéisteanna a ruaigeadh, faoi vacsaíniú, faoi thraenáil tí, faoi ranganna umhlaíochta, faoi chleachtais agus faoina chuid bia. Dá mb'áil leat baile nua a fháil do mhadra téigh chuig do phóna madraí áitiúil nó déan logáil ar www.tipperarynorth.ie/rehome de chuid Chomhairle Chontae Thiobraid Arann Thuaidh chun féachaint ar mhadraí atá ag lorg baile nua.

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