

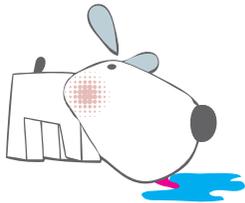


### Doggie Do's and Doggie Don'ts:

**Do:** Clean up after your dog if it fouls in a public place.  
Hold an up to date dog licence.  
Keep your dog under control at all times.  
Be aware of your dogs welfare needs.  
Make sure your dog wears a collar and a disc or tag, with your contact details at all times.  
Get your dog spayed or neutered if you do not intend to breed from them.  
Vaccinate and worm your dog regularly.

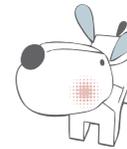
**Don't:** Neglect your dog's welfare.  
Allow your dog to become a nuisance in your neighbourhood.  
Allow your dog to bark persistently.

Any evidence of cruelty to dogs should be brought to the attention of An Garda Síochána.



### CONTACT DETAILS FOR MATTERS RELATING TO CONTROL OF DOGS

Dog Warden Service  
Mayo County Council,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Castlebar.



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**E-Mail:** [vetinfo@mayococo.ie](mailto:vetinfo@mayococo.ie)  
**Website:** [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie)

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## HOW TO BE A BETTER DOG OWNER



**YOUR FREE GUIDE  
TO RESPONSIBLE DOG  
OWNERSHIP.**

# Mayo County Council has compiled this information leaflet to assist you in looking after your dog in a responsible manner.

## Licences

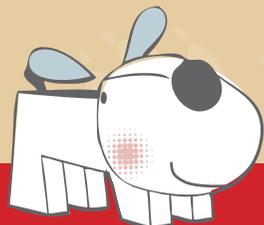
Every dog over four months has to have a dog licence. An annual licence costs €20 per licence. This licence can be purchased on line at [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie) or at any post office. Owners can buy a "Lifetime of Dog" licence for €140 which is valid for the dog's lifetime. This licence can be purchased on line or at the offices of Mayo County Council.

You must be over 16 years of age to hold a dog licence. If your dog does not have a licence the Dog Warden can issue a fine of €100. Unpaid fines will result in court proceedings.

If you keep six or more female dogs which are more than six months old and are capable of breeding you must register with Mayo County Council under the Dog Breeding Establishment Act 2010 which became law in 2012. Contact The Dog Warden Service for further details.

## Dog Fouling

It is against the law not to clean up after your dog. Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended) if a dog fouls in a public place such as a street, sports ground, school ground, beach or park the owner must immediately clean up after their pet. Dog faeces can carry infections including Toxocariasis which can pass to humans through contact with contaminated faeces. Human Toxocariasis is a potentially serious illness which can result in eye disorders which may lead to blindness.



The on the spot fine for not cleaning up after your dog is **€150** or up to **€3000** on conviction in the District Court. Limited supplies of poop scoops are available from the Environment Section of Mayo County Council. Poop scoops can also be purchased from most pet and hardware stores.

## Keeping your pet under control

It is a legal requirement of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 that dogs are kept under effectual control at all times. Dogs left to roam loose can be a danger to people, other animals and themselves.

## Reporting Stray or Wandering Dogs

If there are dogs straying in your area contact the Dog Warden service of Mayo County Council. Dogs will be kept at the Pound for five days. If the owner has not been found by then Mayo County Council will endeavour to re-home the animal.

If you have lost your dog please contact the Dog Warden Service for assistance in finding your pet. A photo submitted by e-mail can be very useful.

## Re-home a Dog

If you are interested in re-homing a dog you can contact the Dog Warden Service of Mayo County Council. Unfortunately, many dogs are abandoned every year and they are badly in need of a loving home.

## Spaying/Neutering

Spaying and neutering are the surgical procedures used to stop dogs from having puppies. This will prevent thousands of unwanted puppies being put to sleep each year. Your local Vet can perform the procedure.

## Identification

Your dog must always wear a collar and an I.D tag with contact details for its owner. Micro-chipping is a further way of identifying your dog and may assist in the retrieval of your dog should it get lost. Contact your local Vet for details of micro-chipping.

## Barking Dogs

Excessive dog barking can cause a nuisance and is an offence. If you are bothered by persistent barking of a neighbour's dog you have the right to make a complaint to the District Court. Contact your local District Court or see [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie) for the relevant form.

## Dangerous Dogs

The following types of dogs must be muzzled at all times when out in public:

1. American Pitt Bull Terrier.
2. Ban Dog.
3. Bull Mastiff.
4. Doberman Pinscher.
5. English Bull Terrier.
6. German Shepard/Alsatian.
7. Japanese Akita.
8. Japanese Tosa.
9. Rhodesian Ridgeback.
10. Rottweiler.
11. Staffordshire Bull Terrier.
12. Any cross breed of these.



These dogs must be kept on a strong chain or leash not longer than 2 metres, led by a person over the age of 16 who is capable of controlling the dog.