

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NORTHAM BURROWS COUNTRY PARK

COMPOSITE BYELAW - 'POOP-SCOOP' AND DOGS ON LEADS ON REQUEST

REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES AND DOGS ON LEADS ON REQUEST

BYELAWS made by the Devon County Council under Section 41 of the Countryside Act 1968 with respect to Northam Burrows Country Park.

- Extent** 1. (1) Byelaws 3 and 4 apply to the area of Park crosshatched on the plan attached to these byelaws and hereafter referred to as 'the canine faeces removal areas'.
- (2) Byelaw 5 applies to the area of land designated as Northam Burrows Country Park and outlined on the plan attached to these byelaws and hereafter referred to as the 'dogs on leads request area'
- (3) Byelaw 5 does not apply to any roads within the dogs on leads request area for the time being designated under section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- (4) Byelaw 5 does not apply in respect of any dogs to which section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 applies.
- (5) Notice of the effect of these byelaws shall be given by signs placed in conspicuous positions at the entrances or on the approaches to
- Interpretation** 2. (1) In these byelaws: 'the Council' means the Devon County Council.
- (2) For the purpose of these byelaws the keeper of the dog shall be deemed in charge thereof, unless the dog had been placed in or taken into the charge of some other person at the time when the offence under these byelaws had been committed.
- Removal of Canine Faeces** 3. Every person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog which is in any of the canine faeces removal areas who, without reasonable excuse, fails to remove forthwith from any such area any faeces deposited by the dog shall be guilty of an offence
4. For the purposes of compliance with byelaw 3 the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) it shall be sufficient removal from the canine faeces removal areas if the faeces are deposited in a receptacle within such area has been provided for that purpose by the Council;
- (b) without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall not be a reasonable excuse that any person in charge of a dog did not have with him any means of removal of the faeces.
- Dogs on Leads on Request** 5. (1) Every person in charge of a dog on leads request area shall, as far as reasonably practicable comply with a direction given by any officer of the Council or constable to keep the dog on a lead and restrained from behaviour likely to cause annoyance or disturbance
- (2) A direction under paragraph (1) above may only be given if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any person in any of the dogs on leads request area or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird
- Penalty** 6. Any person offending against byelaws 3(1), 4 or 5 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

- FOR ALL NORTHAM BURROWS BYELAWS THE ATTACHED PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS.
- THE GOLF COURSE IS SHOWN BY THE YELLOW LINE.
- THE OUTER BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHAM BURROWS IS SHOWN AS THE BLUE LINE.

- **THE CANINE FAECES REMOVAL AREA HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED BY THE DOGS FOULING OF LAND ACT 1966. IT IS AN OFFENCE NOT TO REMOVE DOG FAECES ANYWHERE ON THE BURROWS OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN TORRIDGE DISTRICT INCLUDING THE BEACHES.**