

## **DOG FOULING AT BEVERLEY RUGBY CLUB**

Although most dog owners are responsible, the continuing poor behavior by a minority of irresponsible dog owners and dog fouling is a regular and growing concern. Feedback from players and spectators indicate that it is one of the biggest health & safety issues for the club.

East Riding Council has been rolling out a scheme of dog control orders to try and encourage more responsible pet ownership. The four orders create the following offences:

- The failure to remove dog faeces
- The failure to keep a dog on a lead
- The failure to put a dog on a lead when so directed by an authorised officer
- To allow a dog to enter an area where dogs are excluded from entering

All the offences can be dealt with by a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75.

We would like to remind you that the grounds of Beverley RUFC are private land and as such, allowing a dog to roam on the property is considered an offence under order number four described above. While it is not our intention to prevent the public use of the club, we have decided that if evidence of dog fouling continues, we will be forced to construct a six foot perimeter fence along the sides of the ground that border residential properties.

Residents can help to tackle the problem by reporting those flouting the orders. There is an easy system in place to report dog fouling directly to the Animal Warden Service on 01482 396301. The more information you can give the better as action cannot be taken without knowing when, where and who.

The Control of Dogs Order 1992 requires that every dog while on a highway or in a public place wears a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed on it or on a plate or badge attached to it. The maximum fine for not having one is £5000. The only exclusions to this rule apply only to certain working dogs and others involved in certain sports.

We trust you will understand and agree with our concerns and proposals and look forward to a continued excellent relationship with our neighbours surrounding the club.