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Q1

No

Do you think there is a need to implement a Public Spaces Protection Order to restrict the number of dogs on leads an individual can walk at the same time?

Q2

Please use the space below to tell us why you have chosen to answer in this way:

The RSPCA recognises that it can be more difficult to regulate dog walkers based on measures other than absolute numbers. However, small numbers of dogs can also cause nuisance and distress if a dog walker is not in control of them. We are aware that local authorities have introduced PSPOs, which allow dog walkers to be fined when the maximum number of dogs has been exceeded. The RSPCA has also supported penalties for dog walkers who cause nuisance and distress with smaller numbers of dogs. However, we have emphasised that, should such an approach be adopted, enforcement officers must be demonstrably competent in recognising when dogs are causing nuisance and distress. This is essential to ensure that fines are issued fairly and only when necessary.

Q3

I don't think there should be a limit

If you think there is a need for a PSPO that restricts the number of dogs on leads one person can walk at any one time, what do you think the limit should be?

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Q4

No

Guidelines require professional dog walkers (and other individuals insured to walk dogs on a commercial basis) to walk no more than 6 dogs on leads at any one time. Does this change your answer to question 3?

Q5

Please use the space below to tell us why you have answered in this way:

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Q6

Specific areas

If you think there is a requirement for a PSPO which restricts the number of dogs on leads one person can walk, at any one time, do you think the PSPO should apply to specific areas within South Kesteven, or apply to all publicly accessible land across the district?

Q7

If you think the PSPO should apply to specific areas within the district, please use the space below to tell us where:

n/a

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Q8

No

Have you experienced any specific instances of anti-social behaviour in the last 3 years where you think someone walking multiple dogs on leads was a contributory factor?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, please use the space below to tell us about it.

Q10

Instead of a PSPO

Do you think this should be used....?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Please use the space below to tell us why you have chosen to answer in this way:

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Q12

No

Would the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order which restricts the number of dogs on leads which can be walked at the same time by one individual have a significant negative impact on you?

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, please use the space below to tell us about it:

Q14

Representing an animal welfare charity or organisation

Please tell us if you are? Please tick all that apply.

Q15

Please tell us the first four/five digits of your postcode eg NG31 7 or PE6 2. This will only be used to see if we have received responses from across the district. It will not be used to identify you in any way.

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Q16

Respondent skipped this question

If you have any questions or would like to comment on anything included in this survey, please use the space below:

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

If you would like a response to your query, please give us your contact details. They will only be used to contact you in relation to this query and will not be used for any other purpose or passed onto anyone else.
