

a guide to ....

# Responsible Dog Ownership

**Dogs are one of the most popular household pets in this country due to their loyalty, intelligence and canine charm.**

**So why should they be the biggest cause of neighbour disputes ?**

- Dogs that are allowed to bark for long periods cause a noise nuisance to neighbours and can lead to action being taken against you as the dog owner (make sure your dog doesn't bark when you're not at home).
- Allowing your dog to foul on pavements, footpaths and any grass area where people walk or children play is **ANTISOCIAL**, can cause disease and is against the law! Take 'pooper scoopers' or bags out with you every time you walk your dog!
- Allowing your dog to roam free and foul anywhere is also against the law – you could have your dog removed.

ACHA recommends that you have no more than two domestic pets such as cats or dogs.

Be a good neighbour and consider those around you whose peaceful enjoyment of life may be affected by your dog barking. Clean up after your dog – dog foul is unpleasant, harmful and antisocial – this is an offence and you could be charged by the Police.

Look after your dog – keep your pet in good health and if you take 'man's best friend' for long walks you'll be keeping yourself in good health too!