

Protecting Our Environment

Veterinary Services

Dog Control

Dog Warden Service

In co-operation with the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Donegal County Council employs two dog wardens who are active throughout the county checking dog licences and dealing with complaints about stray and dangerous dogs. If you have a complaint about a stray or dangerous dog you can contact the Dog Warden Service either through Veterinary Section or through the Dog Shelter.

Unwanted and Stray Dogs

The dog shelter at Glencar Scotch, Letterkenny, is open from Monday to Saturday inclusive from 10 am to 2 pm. Unwanted or stray dogs can be left at the shelter free of charge - contact the Dog Shelter for further details.

Give a Dog a New Home

A dog can bring great pleasure and enjoyment to its owner. If you are looking for a new dog, why not contact the dog shelter and see if you can give one of our dogs a new home? Before rehoming a dog, please consider the following:

- Are you and your family prepared for the commitment of dog ownership?
- Will you have time to look after a dog properly?
- Can you afford the ongoing expenses of dog ownership?

A fee of €40.00 is charged for each dog rehomed from the Dog Shelter: €20.00 of this covers the dog licence fee for the first year and €20.00 which is refundable when and if the dog is neutered within 6 months of being rehomed - contact the Dog Shelter for further details.

Dog Licences

If you have a dog you must have a licence for it (*except where a pup, under four months old, remains with its mother*). A licence can be issued only to someone over 16 years of age. A dog licence costs €20.00 and is valid for one year from the date of issue – it can be bought at any post office, public services centre or online at www.donegal.ie

Dog owners can buy a “Lifetime of Dog” licence. This is valid for the dog’s lifetime and costs €140.00.

A “General Dog Licence” (which costs €400) is a licence allowing a person to keep an unspecified number of dogs at one designated premises - contact Veterinary Section for further details.

Dog Breeding Establishments

Anyone with six or more female dogs that are capable of breeding and are over 6 months of age must register their premises as a dog breeding establishment. Further information is available at

<http://www.environ.ie/en/LocalGovernment/DogControl/>

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Donegal County Council,
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Letterkenny
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Donegal Co. Council Dog Shelter,
Glencar Scotch
Letterkenny
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Supervision of Food Businesses

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As an official agency of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, Donegal County Council provides the regulatory control service for certain types of food premises located in the county. These premises include low throughput abattoirs, on-farm poultry slaughtering plants, meat processing establishments and food storage and distribution businesses.

Anyone operating a food business within the county must be either registered or approved by the appropriate official agency.

Further information on the registration and approval of food businesses in the county is available from:

The Chief Veterinary Officer

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Animal Disease Control

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The Veterinary Service liaise with the local office of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on aspects of animal disease control and prevention, particularly with regard to the “Notifiable Diseases” and the disposal of animal by-products.

Donegal County Council exercises a range of powers and responsibilities in relation to animal and food acts and various EU and National Instruments/Protocols and Directives which have the objective of protecting public health and protecting animal welfare and health.

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- [Lyme Disease Information](#)

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