

60517 Dog Enforcement in 2025

What is the current population of the area for which you are responsible?

The current population of Edinburgh is approximately 560,000.

How many enforcement officers does your authority have who are responsible for enforcing regulations and compliance related to dogs? *NB this does not necessarily mean it is their only job - just that as a part of their role they have the powers and responsibilities to enforce regulations and compliance related to dogs.*

There are currently 20 Street Enforcement Officers, employed by the City of Edinburgh Council who have responsibility for enforcing the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

In the calendar year 2025, how many total enforcement notices, e.g. fixed penalty notices, did your officers issue regarding dogs? *NB an enforcement notice can include a form of written or formal warning, e.g. to someone for repeatedly having dog noise complaints made against them or repeatedly being warned about dog fouling.*

6 Dog Control Notices and 3 Dog Control Agreements were issued under the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

How many of these were in relation to an antisocial behaviour (e.g. noise, excessive barking)?

None

How many of these were in relation to someone failing to clean up their dog's mess (i.e. dog fouling)?

No Fixed Penalty Notices were issued under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

How many of these were in relation to dogs being out in a public place whilst not wearing a tag with the legally-required information on (i.e. owner's name and address)?

None