

Dog Theft Prevention Advice

(Public Areas)



We are aware of the growing worries amongst the dog owning population at the moment regarding the alarming rate of theft of dogs and are here to help you!

Keep Your Dog Safe

Do not leave your dog unattended whatsoever.



When Out Walking

Change your dog walking routines frequently.

If dogs are walked off the lead, ensure they stay near you and have good recall.

Walk in pairs/groups where possible (subject to Covid restrictions).

Ensure night time walks are in areas that are well lit.



Be Aware

Be aware of your surroundings and people that are present - are they acting suspiciously?



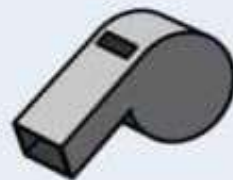
Stranger Danger

Beware of strangers who show interest in your dog. Don't give details about your dog and don't allow strangers to have their photograph taken with your dog.



Personal Protection

You could consider carrying a personal attack alarm or loud whistle - the sounding of this will draw attention to you and is likely to make the would be thief flee empty handed.



The Law

Under "Common Law 1967", a person may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime (this includes Theft/Attempt Theft of your dog).



Your Dog

Your dog should always wear a collar and ID tag with YOUR name, address and telephone number on it. This is a legal requirement when your dog is in a public place.

Ensure your dogs microchip details are up-to-date.

