

Drummond Place Garden

NOTE: ONLY PROPRIETORS' DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE GARDEN.

Code of Conduct for Dog Owners

The code is based on three principals

- Responsibility for Safety
- Care for the Environment
- Consideration and respect for other users of the Garden

1. Responsibility for Safety

Control

Dog owners have a responsibility to keep dogs in their charge under proper control, in line with the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010. Your dog should be kept in sight and under control at all times.

Noisy or unruly dogs can cause disturbance and intimidate other users of the Garden. In the event any user wishes to report a dog as being out of control in the Garden they should contact Edinburgh Council's Environmental Wardens (email: env.wardens@edinburgh.gov.uk – tel: 0131 529 3030).

2. Care for the Environment

Dog fouling

Dog waste left in the Garden is unpleasant for other Garden users, unhygienic and can cause ecological damage. Dog owners must clean up after dogs in their charge, in line with the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. Dog waste should be bagged and taken home or deposited in the dog waste bins provided.

In the summer months, from May to September, dogs should be prevented from using the lawns for their toilet. Proprietors lying on the grass or children playing do not wish to find unpleasant residues on the grass. (Other Gardens force dogs to be on leads in summer.)

Damage to plants and grass

Dog owners should prevent dogs in their charge from causing damage to the Garden particularly to the grassed areas and cultivated borders. To avoid damaging the grass, dogs should not be allowed to chase balls, frisbees etc. when the ground is very wet. This damage is aggravated by using throwing devices or tennis rackets.

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3. Consideration and respect for other users of the Garden

Other Users

Dog owners should try to minimise the impact that dogs in their charge could have on other users enjoyment of the Garden. Please consider that other users of the Garden may not be as fond of dogs, and that some people – especially small children – can find dogs intimidating. You should ensure that dogs in your charge do not interfere with the enjoyment of children using the play equipment, if need be by avoiding that area of the Garden whilst children are using the equipment.

Leads

Dogs should remain on leads until potential issues with children; other dogs, etc. have been assessed. It is also advisable to keep the dog on a lead until it has “performed”. When the Garden is particularly busy, for example on warm, sunny days, please be considerate and, if need be, keep your dog on a lead to ensure that your dog does not interfere with other users enjoyment of the Garden. If your dog has a known propensity to disobedience it should be kept on a lead whilst in the Garden.

In the event that any dog owner persistently fails to comply with this Code of Conduct for Dog Owners the Drummond Place Garden Committee may recommend to the proprietors either that a particular dog shall be allowed access to the Garden only if kept on a lead and/or muzzled or alternatively that the dog should not be allowed into the Garden.

Reference Documents:

Eastern District of Queen Street Gardens – Regulations for Dog Owners

Edinburgh Council – Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace

Edinburgh Council - Code of Conduct for Professional Dog Walkers

Glasgow City Council – Parks Management Rules

National Trust – Dog Owners Code of Conduct