

Stray dogs in County Durham video transcript

[At the top left of the image a Durham County Council logo followed by the text 'Stray dogs in County Durham' is displayed. Both are visible throughout the video.]

[Ian Hoult, Neighbourhood Protection Manager]

[Head and shoulder video of Ian standing looking to the left. Ian has short cut dark hair and is wearing a dark suit jacket, with an open collar shirt that has narrow stripes. Behind Ian is a red wall with a noticeboard on it advertising dogs to be homed and some that have been homed.]

[As Ian speaks video clips are shown: A lady in uniform (Neighbourhood Warden) walks up to a stray Greyhound type dog which is sniffing the grass near a tree and puts a lead on it. The lady then uses a green hand-held scanner to check if the dog has been microchipped.]

[As the video clips are shown, a white band with black text is displayed at the base of the video clip which reads: You could be issued with a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice for allowing your dog to stray. Then, with the next video clip, reads: Over 1,000 stray dogs are picked up by our wardens each year.]

[Ian Hoult]

In Durham we know most people love their dogs and are really responsible with them. But, we still have lots of dogs that stray on an ongoing basis. So unfortunately, we've had to bring a Public Space Protection Order that makes it an offence to allow your dog to stray.

[A Husky type dog is looking at the camera from behind the fence of its sheltered enclosure. In the background people can be heard talking [indistinct] and a dog can be heard barking, which makes the husky type dog whine.]

[As Ian speaks video clips are shown: A lady in uniform is stood behind a white van which has the back doors open. Inside the van is a cage. The lady is stood and with one hand closes the door to the cage and the back doors of the van. In her other hand, on a lead, is the greyhound type dog.

The lady walks along a paved path, with the dog on a lead, towards a large white building. On the right of the path there is a picnic bench on an area of grass which has a tree in the middle of it and a high post and netting fence. On the left of the path is an open grassed area with a wooden planter.]

[Ian Hoult]

We want people to be responsible with their dogs but unfortunately some dogs do stray. They cause road traffic accidents, they don't pick up after themselves and of course when they're interacting with other dogs and humans there's nobody to look after them, so sometimes they can get a bit aggressive too.

[Video clip of four dogs inside the kennel complex. As the video clip is shown, a white band with black text is displayed at the base of the video clip which reads: Top tips to prevent your dog from straying.]

Get it microchipped in the first place. That helps us return it to you. Make sure your garden is secure. Don't let your dog get away from you and be out of sight because if it leaves you, you don't know what will happen to it.

[Lee Henderson, Assistant manager Stray Aid]

[Lee is stood in front of a Stray Aid noticeboard]

[As Lee speaks a series of video clips are shown to illustrate the work he talks about, including:

A lady in uniform (Neighbourhood Warden) takes the Labrador type dog into the offices of Stray Aid and to the reception counter where another lady sits.

An image of a person using the green hand-held scanner to check for a microchip in a greyhound type dog.

A man taking a photograph of the dog.

A lady at the reception desk working at the computer, with a dog that has its two front paws on the desk watching the computer screen.

Stray Aid advertisements for 'Council found dogs'.

Man walking through the kennel complex with the Greyhound type dog on a lead.]

[Lee Henderson]

We work in-line with the council and obviously the dogs come in on a daily basis. Obviously, the first process is to check for a microchip, see if it's already chipped. Also, we take a photo. We check for any ailments. If the dog needs veterinary care then obviously we'll call for the vet to come in and check the dog. Our main priority is always to get the dogs back to the owners.

Once they do get up to the kennels, on numerous occasions the dogs don't get collected. So basically what we'll do from there; we'll assess them and then obviously they'll be going into the vets, if they haven't been neutered, they will be neutered. Obviously, if they're not microchipped, we will microchip them on site and then from there, as long as the dogs fine, healthy and re-homeable, then they'll go for re-homing in the re-homing centre.

[Ian Hoult]

If you've lost your dog, go to the Stray Aid website. As soon as the dogs brought here by us, or they've been received, they go on their website. So that's a really, quick way to be able to find it. If you find a stray, the first thing you should do would be to look to see if it's got a collar and tag. Does it live near you? Return it to it's owner, that's the right thing to do. But if it doesn't, we as a council can check the microchip or indeed you can bring it here to Stray Aid.

[Video still of black text on a white background reads:

Lost your dog?

Call Stray Aid for more information on:

0300 999 4247

Check: www.strayaid.org.uk/found

At the bottom, centre of the screen in red is the Stray Aid logo: Stray Aid, a dogs best friend. Charity number 1117372.

[Video still of black text on a yellow background reads:

#FollowOurLead

Be a responsible dog owner.

For more information about Public Space Protection Order for dog control –

www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol

To report stray dogs visit – www.durham.gov.uk/straydogs

At the base of the screen on the left is a photograph, of a group of various breeds of dog all sat in a row. On the right is the Durham County Council logo.]