



Test Valley Borough Council

Animal Welfare Team

The Team

- Rod Mason – Animal Welfare Officer
 - Full time animal welfare duties
 - Animal Boarding Establishment Licensing
- Helen Pugh – Senior Health Protection Officer
 - Cover for Animal Welfare Officer leave and deals with some reactive case work
 - Pet Shops, Riding Establishments, Dog Breeding, Dangerous Wild Animals & Zoo Licensing

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Legislation We Work With

The Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005

Allows for Dog Control Orders for

- Fouling of land by dogs and removal of faeces
- The keeping of dogs on leads
- The exclusion of dogs from land
- The number of dogs which a person may take onto any land

Dog Control Orders - CNEA

- Have to be with permission of land owner
- Are a legal process only after extensive consultation
- Have to have signs in place to indicate DCO
- Can be subject, if offence witnessed, to a fixed penalty charge or action in Magistrates Court

TVBC have *only* adopted the 'fouling of land by dogs and removal of faeces' DCO

The Environmental Protection Act 1990

- Stray Dog Provisions
- Noise Complaints – typically barking but sometimes other animals/birds



The Animal Welfare Act 2006

- The “5 Freedoms” of animal care
- May carry out initial investigation
- Pass cases onto the RSPCA



Can work alongside the animal licensing legislation

How Do We Work

Our Aim – to seek & provide an amicable resolution to any problem in our field so that Test Valley remains an enjoyable place for everyone

We are

- Primarily reactive in response to a residents comment or complaint
- May involve calling at a property
- Detailed conversations on the phone
- The offering of advice
- Referrals to other experts

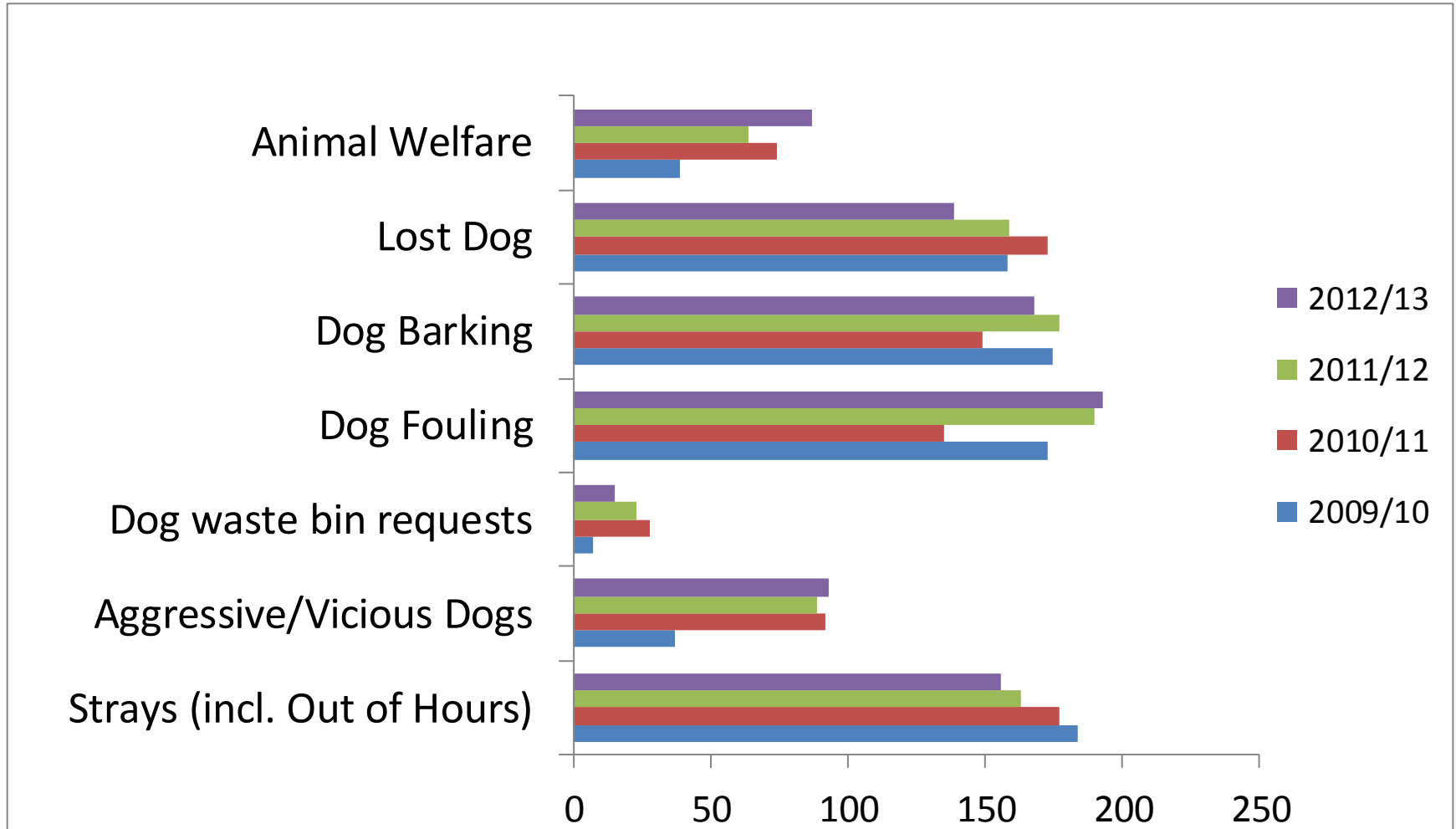
Numbers

In a typical year we would receive and respond to the following:

- Stray dogs: 180
- Barking Complaints: 167
- Reports/Complaints of Dog Fouling: 173
- Other Animal Related Complaints (including aggressive dogs and assisting the Police): 78
- Up to 100 animal licensing visits

And that's the main statutory work.....

Animal Welfare Service Requests 2009 - 2013



Discretionary Activities

- School Talks on Responsible Dog Ownership
- Advisory Visits – behaviour or training
- Home Checks for National Rehoming Centres
- Assisting Housing Associations and Tenants in Need

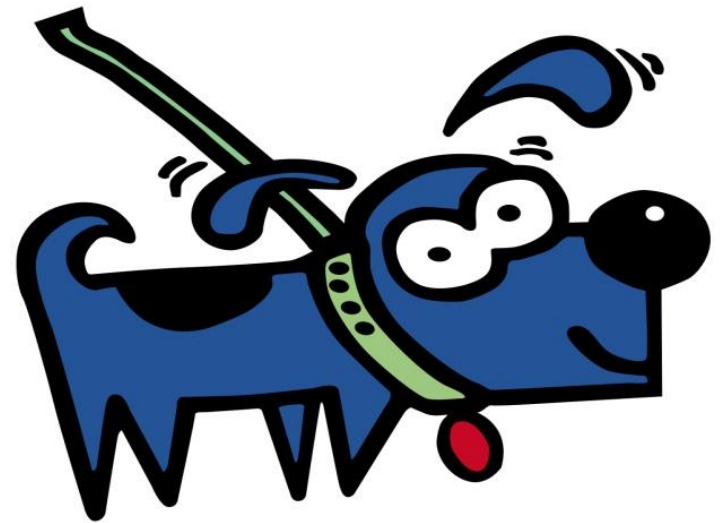
These are all the things we can do..



....But the activity we can't do is

....be in all the places you and we would want to be on patrol

So now over to you – how can you help us to help you better.....



Ideas For Your Community

- Be the 'eyes & ears' in your local area
- Place articles in your local Parish Council magazine
- Attend Community events
- Provide information for the Parish Council website
- Use our flags to run an anti dog fouling campaign
- Set up a voluntary dog exercise & segregation scheme – Traffic Light System

We can help with all of these ideas



What You & Your Community Needs To Do

- To get started you need a person or people to identify the issues in your community
- Come to us with what you have identified as the main dog related concerns
- Together we can decide on the best way you can help your community and resolve the issues



Thank you

Any Questions

And remember there's no such thing as.....

