

### SCHEDULE 3

#### OFFENCE OF NOT PUTTING AND KEEPING A DOG ON A LEAD, UNDER DIRECTION AND FORM OF ORDER

##### **Offence**

**3.—**(1) A person in charge of a dog is guilty of an offence if, [at any time] [during the [times] [periods] specified in Schedule 2](1), on any land to which this Order applies, that person does not comply with a direction given by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead[ of not more than [X centimetres / metres] in length](2), unless—

- (a) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so.

(2) For the purposes of this article—

- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person [on any land to which this Order applies] or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

(3) In this Order “an authorised officer of the Authority” means a person who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

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(1) Specify whichever of the options in square brackets is to apply.

(2) If this is to be specified, insert maximum length of lead.