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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0196 - Dog Walking
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 2 February 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

1. Have you received any complaints about professional dog walkers use of public parks in your local authority area in the past five years? If so how many complaints have you received?

Environmental Health do not record complaints as specifically about professional dog walkers, rather complaints are classified under dog fouling, dog control, barking or other, therefore, it is not possible to answer this question.

Should any complaints be received about persons who walk their dogs within a public park they will be subject to any park rules and legislative enforcement as is any other member of the public with a dog.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **any complaints about professional dog walkers use of public parks in your local authority area in the past five years** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

2. Are there any local rules, regulations, codes of conduct or bylaws affecting professional dog walkers in your local authority area? If so, please detail them.

There are no specific rules, controls or bye laws for professional dog walkers, as stated above the same legislation would apply as does for any person with a dog.

3. Is the conduct of professional dog walkers in public parks an issue that your council has discussed in the past? If so what steps, if any, has your council taken to address the problem?

The issue of the conduct of professional dog walkers in parks is something that has been informally discussed within Environmental Health. Again as above the same legislation would apply.

4. Are you aware of any other local authority's mechanisms for dealing with professional dog walkers use of public parks? If so, please detail them and comment as to their effectiveness.

We are not aware of any specific mechanisms that other Local Authorities may have for dealing with professional dog walkers.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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