

Animal Welfare (Dog Regulations) 2016

Guidance Notes for Rehoming

The Dog regulations are now in effect, these regulations are minimum requirements and stipulate that all dogs and puppies that are rehomed must be:

- **Vaccinated** and the vaccination certificate provided to the new owner.
- **Checked by a veterinarian** and the date the check was made, given to the new owner.
- **Puppies** that are rehomed must be accompanied by the **microchip** number of the puppy, or the microchip number of the dam of the puppy or the council the dam is registered with and her registration number.
- Dogs and puppies cannot be rehomed if they are known or suspected to be injured, sick, pregnant, have behavioural problems or are diseased – unless this is clearly disclosed to the new owner.
- Over 8 weeks of age.

Advertising Puppies for rehoming:

In the advertisement it must specify the microchip number of the puppy or the microchip of the dam of the puppy or the registration number and council the dam is registered with.

It is an offence to breach any of these regulations and penalties apply.

Rehoming is defined as selling or giving the care or charge of the dog to another person, other than fostering.

