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## The Countryside Code

Respect ... Protect ... Enjoy

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Take care - do not start fire
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Consider other people



## Dogs in the countryside

### On access land:

- Keep your dog on a fixed short lead between 1 March and 31 July. This is to protect ground nesting birds from disturbance
- Local restrictions may include a ban on dogs
- Note that dog restrictions do not apply to guide/hearing dogs, or if you are using a Public Right of Way

### On Rights of Way:

- Dogs must be kept under close control, preferably on a fixed short lead