



Dangerous Dogs Act – Information for dog owners:

The Merseyside Police 'dog amnesty' will commence on 7th February 2007 and last for seven days. Dog owners in the area are asked to hand over any dog they feel may be a 'pit bull type' of dog to the Police, without fear of prosecution.

Deed Not Breed would like to make local responsible dog owners aware of the following:

- You are under no legal obligation to hand over dogs under the Amnesty. **If you do your dog WILL BE DESTROYED.**

- If you do not hand over your dog under the Amnesty and it is later seized, you are under no legal obligation to sign seized dogs over for destruction. **If you sign over ownership of your dog it will be destroyed. Seek advice immediately.**

- If you don't sign your dog over, you have the right to a Court hearing. Only a court can order the destruction of your dog. It may be possible for the Court to order the registration of your dog onto the Index of Exempted Dogs, proving that he or she poses no threat to the public and certain requirements can be met. 1000 dogs have been registered this way since the law was amended in 1997.

- Remain calm and do not panic-you are not alone.
- The law hasn't changed at all. No one can force you to hand over your pet dog for destruction, unless by Court Order.
- If you are at all worried about your dog's behaviour-**seek professional help.**

The Kennel Club, Dogs Trust, Blue Cross, Association of Pet Dog Trainers and many other welfare groups and individuals have voiced serious concerns and oppose the 'amnesty'.

For further information- please visit: www.deednotbreed.org.uk

Telephone help lines have been organised, they are run and backed by experienced volunteers who are fully up to date with factual information. You can also be referred to a solicitor for professional legal advice:

Advice lines: 08700 34 55 62 or 08700 34 55 63
Or tel: 08700 34 55 64 for all Deed Not Breed enquiries