

## Four corners debate

You are all members of the local council with different viewpoints. You have £10,000 to spend on addressing the issue of aggressive dogs. Each person has to argue their 'character's' point of view, to try and get the money spent in their way. In 10 minutes, you must have come to a conclusion about what to spend the money on.

### Councillor 1

You want to spend the money educating the general public in the area on dog behaviour and ownership by:

- Enlisting all current and prospective dog owners in to dog training classes.
- Ensuring all pupils at local schools receive education from local animal charities/dog wardens on responsible dog ownership.

### Councillor 2

You want to spend the money on stronger penalties for owners of aggressive dogs by:

- Increasing a possible prison sentence for owning an aggressive dog from six months to eighteen months.
- Increasing the possible fine for ownership of an aggressive dog from £5,000 to £10,000.

### Councillor 3

You want to spend the money on giving the police and dog wardens a greater knowledge and licence to investigate potentially aggressive dogs by:

- Training on dog behaviour.
- Training on handling aggressive dogs.
- Training and knowledge of the law on dangerous dogs and a clear procedure for them to follow for a aggressive dogs incident.

### Councillor 4

You want to spend the money on compulsory microchipping for all dogs in the county so they are held accountable:

- All breeders must ensure dogs and puppies are microchipped when sold otherwise lose their license.
- Remove the charge for changing details (currently £10 for an address change) so that all dog owners can keep details up to date.
- Removing the charge for microchips in the area.