



Survey on 'status' dogs by Ian McCartney MP

Status (or 'bling') dogs are dogs kept as a 'status symbol' and this has been an increasing problem for the RSPCA. They are also sometimes used to fight other animals or intimidate people. These dogs are traditionally, but not exclusively, associated with young people on inner-city estates and those involved in criminal activity.

Name:

Address:

1. Do you believe that your community has a problem with 'status' dogs?

- Yes
- No
- don't know

2. Are you aware of any of the following problems in your community associated with 'status' dogs? (please tick all boxes that apply)

- trees being damaged from dogs being trained on them
- intimidation of local communities
- used as guard dogs
- used to attack or fight other animals
- any other anti-social behaviour (please give examples below)

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3. Do you believe dogs should be required by law to be permanently identified, e.g. by a microchip or tattoo, so that they can be traced to their owner?

- Yes
- No
- don't know

4. Do you think the police and/or local authorities have the resources or training to adequately enforce the law concerning dogs?

- Yes
- No
- don't know

5. Would you support a change in the law concerning dogs and irresponsible ownership?

- Yes
- No
- don't know
- maybe (please give reasons)

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6. If you would like further information, or want to support the RSPCA, on this issue please tick the box below and print clearly your contact details.

- Yes please I would like more information
- Yes please I want to support the RSPCA's work on this issue

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Please fill in the questionnaire and return to Ian McCartney MP. Freepost RLXB-BJER-ZUUU, Wigan. WN1 1NA by Friday 5th December 2008.