

Council website promotes re-homing dogs from the Pound

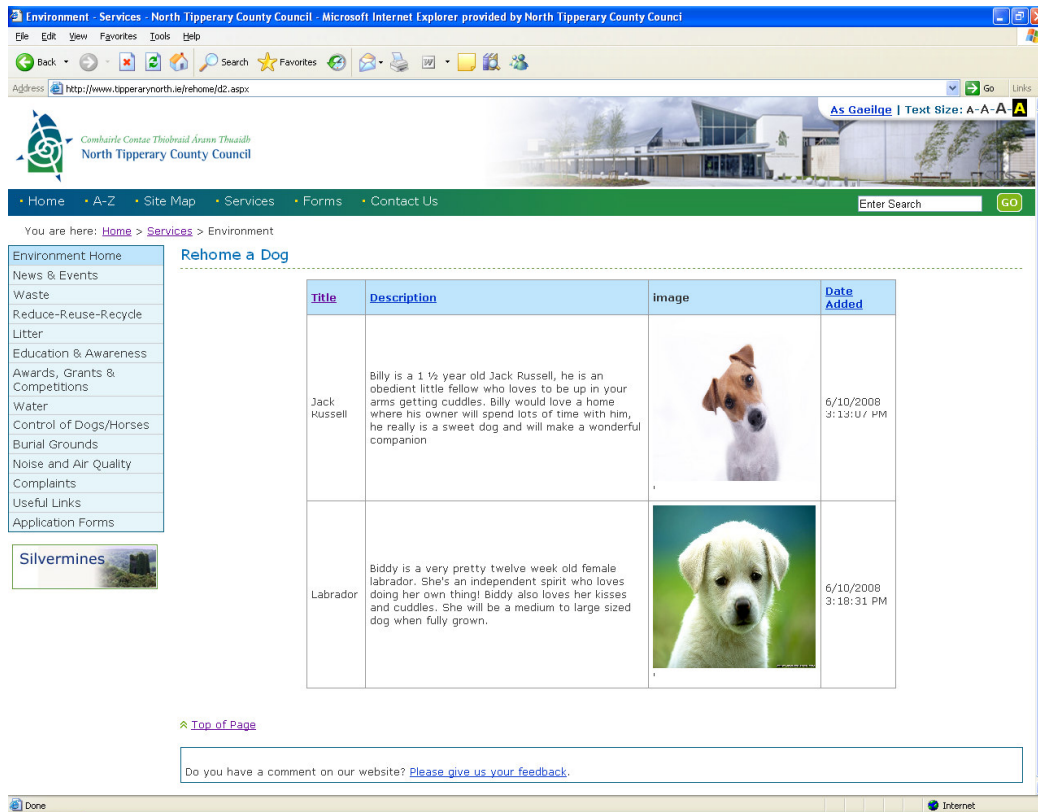
North Tipperary County Council recently launched a new section on their website dedicated to re-homing dogs. Every two weeks the Environment Section of the website will be updated with photographs and descriptions of dogs that are available in the Dog Pound in Knockalton in Nenagh.

Dogs can be viewed at the Dog pound or by visiting the new webpage on the Council's website www.tipperarynorth.ie/rehome


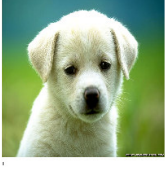
"We are always looking for suitable homes for unwanted dogs in this area. Every week in our Dog Pound we have a variety of dogs that would make ideal pets. If we could match up people looking for a dog with the dogs that are desperately looking for homes, we could greatly reduce the number of dogs that we have to put down." commented Martin Bohan, North Tipperary County Council's Veterinary Surgeon,

A €20 charge per dog is refundable on production of a certificate from a vet stating that the dog has been neutered. Owners must produce a current dog license before the dog leaves the kennels.

"Remember, if you are considering getting a dog please remember that somebody should be at home most of the day so they are not left for long periods of time on their own" added Mr. Bohan.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the North Tipperary County Council website. The page is titled "Rehome a Dog" and features a table with two rows of dog listings. The first row is for a Jack Russell Terrier named Billy, and the second row is for a Labrador named Biddy. Each row includes a title, a description, a photograph of the dog, and the date it was added to the website.

Title	Description	image	Date Added
Jack Russell	Billy is a 1 1/2 year old Jack Russell, he is an obedient little fellow who loves to be up in your arms getting cuddles. Billy would love a home where his owner will spend lots of time with him, he really is a sweet dog and will make a wonderful companion		6/10/2008 3:13:10 PM
Labrador	Biddy is a very pretty twelve week old female labrador. She's an independent spirit who loves doing her own thing! Biddy also loves her kisses and cuddles. She will be a medium to large sized dog when fully grown.		6/10/2008 3:18:31 PM

For further information please Contact the Dog Pound at 067 33323 (Mon 4.00 - 5.30pm, Tuesday to Friday 9.00a.m. to 10.30a.m.) or the Environment Section at 067

44786 or visit North Tipperary County Council's website at www.tipperarynorth.ie/environment

Other environmental issues that the public should have regard to are Dog Litter & the Control of Dogs

Dog Litter: Dog litter is a serious problem! Not only does it spoil the environment for everybody else but it is also a serious health hazard, especially to our children playing in open spaces. If you have a dog, it is up to you as a responsible citizen to keep our environment safe and clean up if your dog fouls in a public place. If not, you are liable to be fined €150 under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Dog dirt is a health hazard and can cause disease, best known of which is a roundworm called toxocara canis. If the eggs of this worm are swallowed, it can result in a range of symptoms from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In rare cases, sight can be damaged.

Áine Mc Carthy, Environmental Awareness Officer with North Tipperary County Council is encouraging people to use the free pooper scoopers that are available to the public which can be collected in the Council Offices and Libraries. "When people are out and about walking their dogs I would like to remind them to be more responsible and clean up their dogs' litter. If you don't, you are committing a litter offence under the Litter Pollution Act 1997. The Council can issue fines of €150 for this" added Ms. Mc Carthy.

Control of Dogs: Dogs must be kept under control at all times, in order to ensure that wandering dogs do not become a menace to people or livestock. The Council's dog warden is regularly patrolling the county and will seize stray dogs. If your dog is one of the specified breeds under the Control of Dogs Act, it must be kept muzzled at all times when in public. For more information on specified breeds the public can contact the Dog Warden or the County Veterinary Inspector.

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Má bhíonn aon cheisteanna agat maidir leis an gcomhshaol, is féidir leat dul i dteagmháil leis an Rannóg Comhshaoil ag 067 44786 nó ag an seoladh ríomhphoist environment@northtippcoco.ie

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