

YELLOW DOG IN DANGER



Inka is a Yellow Dog who sustained serious injury. She now requires space from other dogs to avoid further trauma whilst in rehabilitation.

The Yellow Dog is a project that advocates using a yellow ribbon on the lead (or collar) of your dog to alert other dog owners that your dog needs space.

There are increasing concerns in the media that if you are wearing a yellow ribbon on your dog's lead, you are admitting that your dog is dangerous, and may be putting yourself at risk of litigation. This is NOT the case, and this misconception needs to be addressed before The Yellow Dog is derailed. In an increasingly litigious society it is essential to clarify that this is not a management system for dangerous dogs.

The Yellow Dog is about Dogs who need Space, and there are many other reasons for this, including: Health Issues, Shyness, Rehabilitation, or, being in Training.

The project is being strongly supported by Vets, and Therapists, in Devon and across the UK.

Bernard Reilly the lawyer for Yellow Dog UK has given the following response to this issue (the full text is available from Yellow Dogs UK) :

"I am strongly of the view that nothing in the legislation relating to dogs or the case law can possibly be used to infer that an owners actions in making his dog wear a yellow ribbon could possibly be construed as an admission of liability that the dog is dangerous and more likely to cause injury to either humans or other dogs. It is a matter of choice for the individual owner. The decision to wear such a distinguishing item on the dog is becoming a widespread and increasingly common way of indicating that while the dog is not dangerous, nonetheless for whatever reason it needs more space and privacy than another dog even of the same breed may require.

In support of that viewpoint among other factors I place reliance on the Animals Act 1971

Using that definition in its legal sense means that liability under the criteria imposed by the Act would not extend to dog owners under the circumstances this advice deals with. For the above reasons I am firmly of the opinion that dog owners can continue (making) people aware that their individual dog may perhaps need more space and privacy than other dogs as a result of any given trait inherent in the dog without the risk that their action could be interpreted as meaning their dog was dangerous."

The Yellow Dog is a simple and very effective way to help ensure the welfare of all dogs.

The Yellow Dog Project was founded in 2012, and has now reached over 45 countries.

To learn more about The Yellow Dog and download a flyer (free) to help spread awareness please go to: www.yellowdoguk.co.uk or www.theyellowdogproject.com