



Date 30th December 2013
O/ref. Match Day policy - Dogs

Dear Parents, Guardians, Players, Supporters,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and are looking forward to welcoming in the next New Year in style!
May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with respect to Wellesbourne Wanderers FC and most importantly the boys and girls for their participation at all ages and levels.

I am writing to you all today to inform you of our policy with regards to the attendance of Dogs at our home football matches. We have 3 locations as follows:
Morton Hall, Moreton Morrell – this is where our younger teams play their home matches (age groups from Under 9's up to Under 12's).
Dovehouse Playing Field, Wellesbourne – this is where our Under 13's and Under 14's teams play their home matches.
Loxley Road Playing Field, Wellesbourne – this is where our Under 15's and Under 16's teams play their home matches.

At present we, as a football club we have not operated a clear policy when it comes to dogs either being allowed or not being allowed at our football matches. The Dovehouse playing field is the only area, that we are aware, which is a designated No Dogs area and this is clearly visible by means of public notices. The Loxley Road playing field has designated dog friendly areas surrounding the football pitch, however the area within the perimeter fence is not marked in any way.

We have recently discussed this issue at committee level due to a couple of incidents involving dogs, players and supporters at one of our playing locations. As a result, we, as a responsible organisation have decided to invoke a clear policy with regards to Dogs at our home match locations.

Therefore with immediate effect we would like to ask all Dog owners to refrain from bringing their dogs onto the touchline areas of our pitches during match times. Obviously there are areas close to our pitches where you have the normal rights to exercise your dogs but to avoid any possibility of future incidents involving players, spectators, or any members of the public watching our football matches we would kindly ask you to respect our wishes. This request is made purely and simply in the interest of the well-being of everyone who attends our football matches in whatever capacity.

We thank you for your understanding on this matter and very much hope that you will fully support this policy in the interests of everyone connected with Wellesbourne Wanderers Football Club.

Kind regards,

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