

## **Swindon & Wiltshire Pride-Pets Dept.**

### **Dog Policy Procedure statement**

The procedure sets out the rules and regulations by which dogs can be brought onto site and into the Town Gardens during the Swindon & Wiltshire Pride Event

### **Aims**

To clarify what is expected of all dog owners when entering Swindon & Wiltshire Pride Event to ensure safety for all including Staff, and other members of the general public.

To ensure compliance with all statutory legislation in relation to public health and safety.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

All owners bringing dogs onto the Town Gardens during Swindon & Wiltshire Pride are requested to keep them on leads at all times. By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare people / animals or wildlife.

All dogs must have an identification tag.

Owners are requested to remove all dog faeces from all areas using a suitable bag this should then be placed in a suitable bin with liner. These bags should not be thrown onto any of the Park, including woodland areas, hedgerows, or pathways. Dog faeces are unpleasant and can cause infections and as such are a health risk.

**With the exception of guide dogs, hearing dogs, dogs' for the Disabled and dogs for teaching purposes by the Animal Welfare and Veterinary Nursing Team, \*NO DOGS are allowed within the Bowl Area (Main Stage) in the Town Gardens at any time during the Pride Event.**

**\* We asked one pooch for their opinion and they said:-**



*“To us dogs The Bowl is noisy, smelly confusion. It gets very busy and crowded and it is no place for us much loved pets. We get trodden on, tripped over, fed totally inappropriate bits of left-over human food (which we don't mind but our owners do).”*

If your Dog could talk it would be demanding you get it away from all those stinky feet and back home to its nice comfy bed- or into an area where it can happily stretch out, receive a belly rub or have a good nose around in its nether regions to check that everything is clean, tidy and in working order.