

RespectaBULL

A powerful, free workshop
for young people in
London, Birmingham
and Manchester

The charity dedicated to
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WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Many young people are getting dogs as status symbols without knowing how to look after them properly. These 'status dogs' are affecting the general public, with more people reporting that they feel intimidated by the dogs and their owners. The issue has also contributed to a huge rise in the number of bull breed dogs, like Staffies, being abandoned, which is a major challenge for animal charities across the country.

WHAT'S THE RESPECTABULL PROJECT?

Designed to be run as a workshop with groups of young people, the project aims to stimulate debate and discussion around the issues of responsible dog ownership, antisocial behaviour and the law.

WHO'S IT FOR?

The workshop is for groups of young people, aged from 11 to 25 years old. We run them for youth groups, probationers and prisoners to help reduce reoffending either as a stand-alone talk or as part of a wider programme. It's also an ideal subject matter for PHSE and citizenship lessons in schools.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To arrange a free workshop with one of our outreach youth workers or trained volunteers, please email education@bluecross.org.uk or call our Education Department on 0300 111 8950.

HOW LONG DOES THE WORKSHOP TAKE?

The workshop is designed to be flexible and tailored to your needs. Our sessions can last from 40 minutes to three hours. We use a range of learning activities, including quizzes, games, group work, discussions and video.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

The interactive workshop encourages young people to consider:

- the responsibilities of dog owners
- antisocial behaviour with dogs
- breeding versus neutering
- appropriate selection and care of dogs
- safer communities
- raising awareness of dogs and the law
- what happens to abandoned dogs



FURTHER INFORMATION

Information on dog care can be found on our website. We also have a range of other educational materials available for schools and groups, including lesson plans and activities. Please visit www.bluecross.org.uk and click on educational resources.