

Protecting the Public from Dangerous Dogs

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10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction—**Dr Anthony Goodman**, Professor in Criminal and Community Justice Studies, Middlesex University

11.05 **Policy Update and Understanding the National Landscape**

- *Dangerous Dogs Act*: assessing its effectiveness and the potential for reform
 - Legislative tools and powers available to deal with dangerous dogs
 - Working with the courts to inform decisions and reach effective outcomes
 - The role of charities in ensuring animal welfare and promoting public awareness
 - Developing a stronger partnership approach between local authorities, police, charities & other key stakeholders
 - Tackling ownership of 'status dogs' and the use of dogs as weapons
 - Community protection notices and other local authority safeguarding measures
- ⇒ **Sam Gaines**, *Head of Companion Animals, RSPCA*
- ⇒ **Kelly Craig**, *North London Education & Community Officer, Dogs Trust*

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.15 **Good Practice Seminar: Developing your Strategy for Dangerous Dogs**

- Promoting responsibility in dog ownership and educating owners
 - Supporting victims of dog attacks
 - Ensuring public safety is at the heart of your strategy
 - Improving your data collection and making evidence-informed decisions
 - Ensuring a proactive approach to dogs in your area
- ⇒ **Mark Callis**, *Animal Welfare Service Manager, London Borough of Wandsworth*
- ⇒ **Shaila Bux**, *Board Member, Born Innocent*

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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