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# Information for Dog Owners

**Last week, a dog was taken ill and died following a walk in the Smugglers Road-Picket Post-Vereley area.**

Symptoms were similar to recent incidents of dogs falling ill and dying after walking in the Ogden's area of the New Forest.

Having undertaken many tests and following on-site investigations in the Ogdens area, we still don't know what is responsible – it could be something in the environment or it may be something not related to the Forest.

We continue to work with other organisations including the Environment Agency, New Forest District Council and veterinary specialists to try and find the cause of the illness.

The number of cases is a small proportion of the dogs walked in the New Forest every day. We would ask owners to be vigilant, and to contact their vet if they have any concerns about their dogs.

Updated information, signs and symptoms are available on our website:  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest)

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