



# CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Keep

**Carlisle**

Clean



## Dog fouling

The majority of dog owners clean up after their pets. The few irresponsible owners that don't will face a fine. Dog fouling in public areas is anti-social. It is not only unpleasant, it is dangerous.

We receive numerous complaints each year regarding this issue. Dog fouling is a serious concern and it's up to you to help stop it.

Dog waste is associated with a number of diseases including Toxocariasis. Toxocara is a roundworm commonly found in dogs and almost all puppies. Eggs from the roundworm are found in dog waste, and can pose a health risk if they come in contact with the mouth, particularly to small children. The parasite can cause stomach upsets, a sore throat, asthma and in some cases, blindness. The eggs remain active in the soil for years, long after any dog waste has weathered away, so the risk is not always obvious.

## What can I do?

Always be ready to clean up after your dog by having plenty of dog poo bags to hand. If you have a garden, train your dog to go there before you take it for a walk.

Make sure you pick up the mess straight away, seal the bag and place the waste in a bin - any bin will do. This could be a dog waste bin, a normal litter bin or if this is not possible, take the bag home and put it in your own refuse bin.

Do not throw the bag over a fence, hang it on a tree or leave the bag on the path or green space. You will be committing a further offence! Make a note of where the public bins are on the route so that you can dispose of the waste responsibly.



## What will we do?



Carlisle City Council will take action against those that fail to clean. It is an offence not to clear up immediately after your dog has fouled.

Enforcement Officers carry out daily enforcement patrols, targeting dog fouling hotspot areas. The public are becoming less willing to accept irresponsible dog owners. They are, more than ever, willing to tell the council who is not picking up the mess and where, making it much easier for us to catch offenders.

When caught, you will either get an 'on the spot' fine of up to a £100 or a summons to appear in court. Prosecution could result in a £1,000 fine!

## Remember!



- Carlisle City Council takes a zero-tolerance approach to dog fouling!
- It is every dog walker's responsibility to clean up after a dog they are in charge of.
- Any bin will do, so dispose of your bagged waste responsibly.
- No excuses! Help us Keep Carlisle Clean.

## How can I report dog fouling?

If you have any information about a dog owner who fails to pick up, let us know.

Try to provide as much detail as possible - the location, the date and time of day.

### Report dog fouling to:

[customerservices@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@carlisle.gov.uk)

01228 817200

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