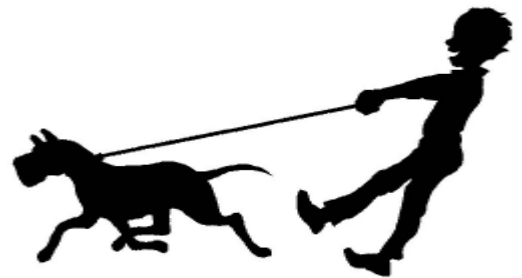


DOG FOULING LEGISLATION

ARE YOU A DOG OWNER OR ANNOYED BY DOG FOULING?
THIS LETTER IS FOR YOU!



Dear Householder,

This Council has promoted, and continues to promote, responsible dog ownership to reduce the nuisance and health problems associated with fouling. Unfortunately there are still some dog owners who act irresponsibly and do not clear up after their dogs. The Council has adopted rules under which offenders may be prosecuted.

The rules are important to you if you own a dog or if you are concerned about dog fouling in public places.

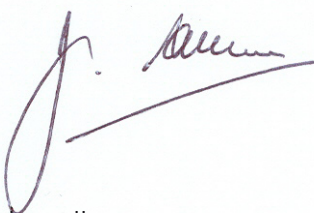
An on the spot fine of £75 or a fine of up to £1,000 on prosecution now applies if your dog fouls in a public place and you don't clear it up immediately.

A public place means land to which the public has access within built up areas in the District which includes roads with a speed limit of 40 mph or less; footpaths, open spaces, parks, school playing fields, cemeteries, etc.

If you are a dog owner please make sure it is your poop scoop you take from your pocket and not your money to pay the fine.

If you are annoyed by dog fouling then please help us to track down the offenders. For more information see overleaf. If you wish to notify us of an offence which you think may have been committed, please contact [01480 388302](tel:01480388302) during normal office hours.

Yours faithfully,



John Allan
Neighbourhoods Intervention Manager

WHERE DOES THE LAW APPLY?

On any of the land described below, which is in the open air, and to which the public is entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) it is an offence if the keeper of a dog does not pick up faecal matter deposited by their dog.

Plans defining the extent of the land affected are available at District Council offices. The areas affected are set out below:

- (a) Carriageways with a speed limit of 40 mph or less and adjoining footpaths and verges.
- (b) Any other footpath, footway, alley, passage, square or court (including any footbridge or pedestrian subway or underpass and irrespective of whether they are thoroughfares) and any adjoining verges.
- (c) Parks, playing fields, playgrounds, open spaces, village greens, car parks and the curtilages of village halls maintainable by or on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, and any Town or Parish Council within the District of Huntingdonshire or any successor authority thereto.
- (d) Burial grounds, including churchyards, cemeteries or other grounds, whether consecrated or not, which have at any time been set apart for the purposes of interments.
- (e) Land comprising any school which is used for the education of children provided by the local education authority, any grant maintained school and any public school.

OTHER LAND TO WHICH THE RULES APPLY

- (a) Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, Huntingdon
- (b) Hemingford Peace Memorial Playing Field
- (c) Kimbolton Cricket Club
- (d) St. Neots Sports Association, The Common
- (e) Ramsey Rural Museum
- (f) Fenstanton Football Club
- (g) Needingworth Allotments, Millway
- (h) Needingworth Playing Field, Millway
- (i) Needingworth Playing Field, Overcote Lane
- (j) Catworth Playing Fields
- (k) Gomanchester Sports Ground
- (l) Yelling Cricket Ground
- (m) Warboys Sports Field

Dog owners: PLEASE NOTE

- The rules apply generally to all “built-up” parts of the District and warning signs will be in place.
- The law requires you to clear up after your dog. You should use a poop scoop and take the waste home or put it in a litter bin. In the interest of good hygiene always clean up after your dog.
- Free plastic bag poop-scoops are available at District Council Offices, Pet Shops and Veterinary Surgeries.

REPORTING OFFENCES

The rules will be enforced by the District Council but we would welcome help from the public in identifying offenders. If you witness an offence please let us have as much of the following information as you are able to provide:

- The exact location
- Type of dog
- Description of person in charge of dog
- Vehicle registration and details
- Name and address of person committing the offence

HELP?! If you have difficulty training your dog, or any other special problems, the Council's Dog Warden will be pleased to help. Telephone 01480 388298.

Please notify us of offenders on 01480 388302