



Dear Resident

I have received complaints that dog fouling is a regular problem in your local area. Unfortunately, despite the vast majority of dog owners behaving in a responsible manner, the behaviour of the minority has an adverse effect on the quality of life for many of their neighbours.

Aside from the unpleasant experience of having to clean shoes, wheelchair and pushchair wheels and carpets, it also presents a risk to health. Toxocariasis is caused by a parasite which lives in a dog's digestive system. In humans, this can cause seizures, stomach upsets, breathing difficulties and can even cause blindness.

If you are a dog owner, please ensure that you take an adequate supply of dog poop bags with you when you go for a walk. On occasions where there is an unexpected problem, please do ask a fellow dog walker for help or return to clean up as soon as you can. Please also ensure that you pay close attention to what your dog or dogs are doing, particularly when off the lead or on a long lead. If you walk multiple dogs at the same time and are not able to pay close attention to what they are doing, consider walking them separately.

If you witness someone allowing a dog to foul, do get in touch with us so that we can take action against them. The council needs your help in order to deal with this minority of irresponsible dog owners. Together, we can keep the pavements clean and safe for everyone.

Yours faithfully

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