

Your Dog and the Law

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Dog Fouling

The majority of dog owners clean up after their pets. Those few irresponsible owners that don't will face a fine. Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to serious illness and even blindness. You can reduce the health risk to the public by regularly worming your dog.

Who is Responsible?

It is illegal to leave your dog's poo lying in a public area. If the dog is in your care you must clean up any mess it makes. Being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having anything to clean up the mess, is not an excuse. The Council will clear dog faeces from all public places it has legal responsibility for. If a dog fouls on private land unfortunately it is the responsibility of the land owner to clean it up.

What Should You Do?

Take a poop scoop or a bag with you whenever you take your dog out. You can place the sealed bag in any normal public litter bin (make a note of where the bins are along your route) or take it home with you.

The Council provides free dog waste bags through a number of outlets around the borough. Look for the yellow dog stickers in the window or visit **www.staffordbc.gov.uk/dogs** for your nearest stockist.

Report It

If you have information about dog walkers or owners who don't pick up the mess after their dogs, please tell us in confidence.

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Dogs Exclusion Order

Dogs are excluded from all children's equipped play areas (enclosed or unenclosed), bowling greens, tennis courts, skate parks, paddling pools, wet / water play areas, multi-use games and the athletics enclosure at Rowley Park.

Dogs on Leads Order

All dogs must be kept on a lead at

- › Victoria Park
- › Stonefield Park
- › Rowley Park
- › Cemeteries and church yards run by the Council

Dogs on Leads by Direction

You must also put your dog on a lead when asked to by an authorised officer of the Council on any site not covered by the dogs on lead order. This order is designed to target dogs who are not under control. The PSPO also includes restrictions on dog walking and the number of dogs a person can walk at any one time.

Fines

Any person in charge of a dog who does not clean up the mess, or fails to comply with any of the above, will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice or face prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.

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