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Dog fouling – the law

If you are in charge of a dog, whether you are the owner or not, you must by law clean up after the dog has fouled in any public area. **Failure to do so can result in a fixed penalty of £100 or a maximum fine of £1,000.**

Call it out, call it in, clear it up

Call it out - If you see someone fail to pick up after their dog, call them up on it. Do it politely, maybe offer them a spare bag. Don't put yourself at risk.

Call it in - Report dog fouling to us online or give us a call. It can help us catch and prosecute the culprits and builds up a picture of where the problem areas are so we know where to patrol.

Clear it up - If you aren't willing or able to call it out or call it in, if you have a spare poo bag then picking it up will help, no one will step in it and it keeps standards high, which helps prevent further dog fouling.

Tips for responsible dog owners

- Be prepared every time you go out with your dog – bags, water and a torch at night
- Help others who get caught out without a bag
- Keep an eye on what your dog is doing
- Bag it and bin it! Use degradable bags where possible
- Know your bins - use designated dog bins or any litter bins
- Take it home if you have to. Don't use other people's bins without permission
- Use our strategy to tackle the issues – call it out, call it in, clear it up!

