

penalty notice and pay a smaller fine to discharge liability for the offence.

Within Blaby District dog wardens regularly patrol public places and will issue on the spot fines and fixed penalty notices to offenders but also have the option to issue fixed penalty notices if they receive written witness statements from any one who has witnessed an offence.

Poop Scoop Outlets

Blaby District Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough

Blaby District Council Outreach Office, Forge Corner, Blaby

Blaby District Council Outreach Office, Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, Braunstone Town

Cosby Post Office, The Nook, Cosby

Mercury News Shop, Station Road, Countesthorpe

Croft Post Office, Pochin Street, Croft

Enderby Parish Council, King Street, Enderby

Faire News, Faire Road, Glenfield

Glenfield Post Office, Church Road, Glenfield

Glen Parva Parish Council, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva

Martins of Huncote, Main Street, Huncote

Spar, Main Street, Huncote

Narborough Post Office, Royal Court, Leicester Road, Narborough

Sapcote News Post, Stanton Lane, Sapcote

Bibs Hardware, St Micheals Court, Stoney Stanton

Hill View Nurseries, Croft Lane, Thurlaston

Whetstone News, High Street, Whetstone

Whetstone Parish Council, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

Kirby Muxloe Post Office, Main Street, Kirby Muxloe

Enderby News, Mill Lane, Enderby

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Dog Fouling

Allowing your dog to foul and failing to clear it up is an offence.

If you see this happening please report it to Blaby District Council Dog Warden on 0116 272 7515.

If we have the address of an owner who is not clearing up after their dog we may be able to issue a fixed penalty notice.

If you are not able or do not wish to provide personal details of the owner we would still appreciate a phone call from you so that we can step up patrols, if necessary.

Dog Warden
0116 272 7515

Email: env.health@blaby.gov.uk
Web: www.blaby.gov.uk



Working towards a better district

Scoop the Poop



A cleaner neighbourhood: We all want it and we can all help to achieve it!

Nobody likes dog mess and the following explains how you - as a responsible dog owner - can do your bit by helping reduce dog mess on the streets, parks and beaches.

Facts and Figures

Councils claim it costs them £22 million per year to clean-up dog poop.

There are approximately between 6.5 and 7.4 million dogs in the UK, producing around 1000 tonnes of faeces every day.

A recent survey by Keep Britain Tidy found that 76% of the public think that dog owners that persistently let their dogs foul should be banned from owning a canine.

MP's in Britain get more letters complaining about dog fouling than any other issue.

The Isle of Man has introduced DNA testing in a bid to rid the island of doggy poop. This technology enables police to match the poop to the dog and prosecute the owner. They are urging residents to report irresponsible owners so they can take action.

Despite the many poop scoop products on the market, the cheapest and quickest way to clear up after your pooch is to always carry poo bags with you and make sure you grab it, bag it and bin it.

If dog waste bins are not provided it is not an offence to dispose of the poop in a normal bin

These figures are from the Encams/Keep Britain Tidy campaign you can visit them on www.encams.org

The Importance of Training

Being a responsible dog owner means more than making sure your dog is well fed and looked after. Dogs need to be trained and part of this is toilet training. Such training is better to be carried out when the dog is still a puppy but older dogs can learn too.

How to start: A puppy goes to the toilet very frequently, so begin by putting him outside in a

suitable spot if you think he seems to want to go. This can often be detected by the dog sniffing around and circling. Keep repeating this and praise when finished. If you can't get outside use a litter tray or puppy training pads.

Regular times: Get your dog used to a routine, take him out at regular times, such as in the morning, after a meal and at night.

Going on command: Use a command word such: "clean" or "busy" just as he is about to go to the toilet. Always use the same tone of voice and praise him when he has finished. Training him means he will go where you want him to and not in unsuitable places.

Going at home: If you've got a garden, then why not screen off a small area where you can train your dog to go. You can bury the mess in the garden or pick it up using a poop scoop. Your council should tell you if they have special arrangements for disposal of poop scoops. Otherwise, wrap up the used poop scoop in a plastic bag and dispose of it with your normal household waste. If you don't have a garden and your dog isn't too large, try training your dog to use a litter tray. Dispose of the contents of the litter tray by double wrapping it in plastic bags and dispose of it with your normal household waste.

When you're out and about with your dog

If your dog needs to go while you are out, "scoop the poop". You can buy all sorts of different poop scoops cheaply at pet shops and some supermarkets. Blaby District Council operate a free poop scoop bag scheme operating from various outlets around the district, a list of these outlets is included in this leaflet. If you don't have a poop scoop with you, you can use a newspaper or plastic bag.

If you use a poop scoop, you will not need to touch the mess directly. Many designs of poop scoop involve a plastic bag which can be tied up before you dispose of it. Remember to wash your hands as soon as you can afterwards.

Dog mess can contain a number of things which can make people ill—best known of which

is infection from *Toxocara canis*, which is a roundworm. If the eggs of this worm are swallowed, this can result in a range of symptoms from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In rare cases, eyesight can be damaged.

The risk to human health is small but you can reduce it further by:

- Worming your dog regularly
- Always clearing up after your dog
- Good hygiene practice

What to do with used poop scoops

Many councils provide special bins where you can put your used poop scoops. Dog waste bins are often red. If there are no bins around, take the poops scoop home and dispose of it. Then as a last resort wrap the used poop scoop again in a plastic bag and dispose of it in a litter bin.

Worming your dog

Worms can affect a dog at any age and therefore caring for your dog should include making sure your dog is wormed regularly.

Worms can cause sickness and diarrhoea in young animals but adult dogs may show no symptoms. Worming is easy, effective and costs very little. You can get worming treatments from your pharmacist, vet, pet shop or larger branches of supermarkets.

Follow the makers instructions carefully. The treatment required depends on the dogs weight.

Adults should be wormed every six months.

Pregnant bitches and bitches with young puppies should be wormed more frequently. With puppies seek veterinary advice but in general puppies should be wormed when they are about two weeks old and then treated at regular intervals until they are six months.

Poop scooping and the law

Local councils and some other organisations currently enforce laws which mean you must clear up your dogs mess in public. Allowing your dog to foul in a public place and not cleaning it up could result in prosecution and a fine of up to £1000. You may be given the opportunity to accept a fixed