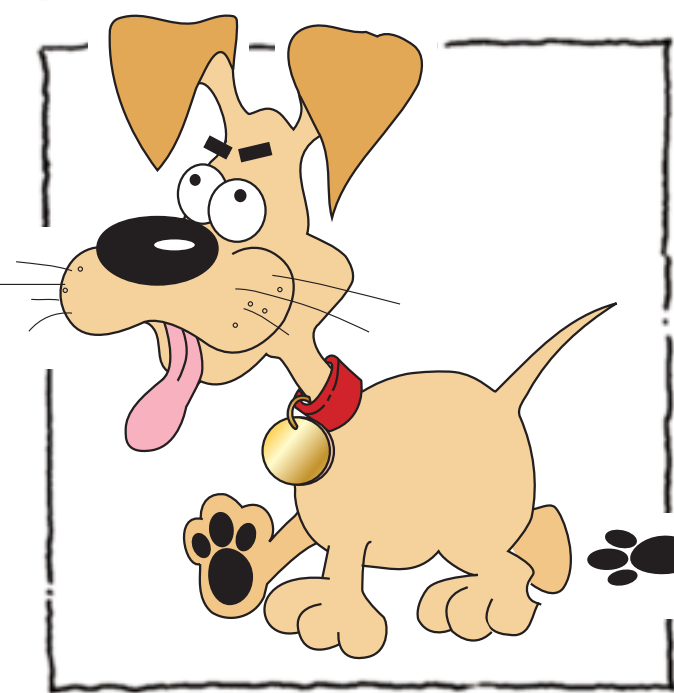


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East Hampshire has been designated under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, as a poop scoop area.

This makes it an offence not to clean up after your dog in a place to which the general public have access.

A person in charge of a dog **MUST** clean up after it



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Why you should clean up after your dog

Apart from the legal aspects, dog mess is unsightly, smells and carries diseases.

In 1995, the Tidy Britain Group published the 'Attitude and Awareness Survey of Litter and Environment.' It showed dog fouling to be the number one concern of individuals when asked about their environment. Similar results were obtained in a 1998 survey of East Hampshire residents.

The Keep Britain Tidy group has recorded a reduction in overall levels of dog fouling since 2001/02 but it still remains a significant cause of offence to the British public.

Potential Health Risk

Toxocara canis is a roundworm that lives in the dog's gut. Eggs are passed out with the faeces and can survive in the soil for up to 3 years.

The eggs hatch into larvae which, if ingested, will enter the bloodstream. The human blood is an alien environment and the larvae will remain dormant.






However, if a larva lodges in the small blood capillaries behind the eye, it can cause partial loss of vision. Although this is very rare and the body's defences will normally destroy the larvae, cleaning up after your dog will remove the risk.



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Which places are public access areas?

All areas to which the public have general access EXCEPT:

-  Carriageways with a speed limit of over 40 mph, and land running alongside them.
-  Land used for agriculture or woodlands
-  Land which is predominantly marshland, moor or heath.
-  Rural common land.
-  Privately owned land which the owner does not want included.

Private gardens, drives etc are not covered by the legislation as they are not for general public access.

If you are unsure whether an area is for general public access, you should assume that it is!

What happens to offenders?

Failure to clean up after a dog in your charge will lead to a fixed penalty fine of £50.

Those who persistently offend or those who fail to pay a fixed penalty, face prosecution and a **MAXIMUM PENALTY OF £1000.**

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Who enforces this law?

Officers of East Hampshire District Council and authorised officers can issue a fixed penalty notice and will gather evidence to prosecute offenders.

Signs and bins

Signs and posters have been erected around the district but it is up to dog owners to know their poop scoop areas!

Dedicated dog poo bins are very expensive to maintain and need to be emptied regularly, so the Council now marks some of their litter bins for 'dual use', these can be used to dispose of bagged dog mess.

Look out for official notices and signs with this symbol.



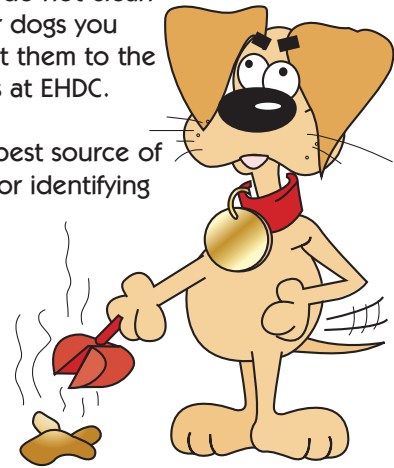
Not all public areas will have signs and bins.

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How you can help

If you know of any dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs you should report them to the Dog Wardens at EHDC.

You are our best source of information for identifying offenders.



Who should I contact?

For further information, contact East Hampshire District Council, Environmental Health and speak to:

The Dog Warden
Telephone 01730 234360
during office hours



or visit our website
www.easthants.gov.uk

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