

YET MORE STUDIES....

A study on the Isle of Wight looked into 'attitudes to dog fouling and behaviour on littering'. People ranged from "happy to be seen carrying dog waste and take it home if there are no bins" to "will not pick up in any situation even if they are aware of the consequences of their actions." Believe it or not, yet more studies have been carried out in Northern Ireland to gauge the profile of a 'typical dog fouler'!

For the health and welfare of our community and our environment, please pick up after your dog.

Dog poo bags can be placed in both household waste and community litter bins.

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How we encourage and enforce responsible dog ownership

These are some of the ways we keep the region clear of dog fouling:

- we regularly clean up badly fouled public areas and streets and maintain dog waste bins and litter bins
- enforcement officers regularly patrol areas to provide a visible deterrent and issue penalty notices to dog walkers who don't pick up after their dog – we will pursue anyone who does not pay the penalty notice through the courts and seek the maximum penalty of £1,000
- dog fouling enforcement signs have been placed on lamp posts throughout the region
- dog poo posters are targeted at areas where dog walkers make the effort to pick up but fail to put the bag in the bin or take it home with them
- leaflet drops – dog wardens provide people with information on dog fouling and how to report offenders.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/animals/dogs/dog-fouling>

You will be required to sign into your My Harrogate account to access the necessary form or report a full dog waste bin.



**WHY
PICK UP
AFTER
YOUR
DOG?**



**LOVE YOUR DOG?
PICK UP!**

Dog poo may decompose, but viruses, bacteria, parasites and worm eggs are left behind. Some can survive for a long period of time and go on to infect children, people, dogs and other animals.

For example, *Toxocara canis* roundworms can infect people and in some cases may cause blindness and breathing difficulties.

Giardia parasite infections lead to severe stomach upsets, that can lead to long term health issues in people. In dogs, it is very difficult to clear and may require multiple treatments.

Lung worm can be fatal to dogs. Worm eggs are expelled in a contaminated dog's faeces. Snails and slugs are the next hosts. The infective larvae are passed in their slime trail to be ingested by another dog or fox.

Many people enjoy the beautiful footpaths and countryside, with or without dogs.

Cleaning dog poo off shoes is a horrible job!



**LOVE YOUR WALKS?
PICK UP!**

Walking through a corridor of stinging nettles isn't pleasant.

Dog waste is a fertiliser. In recent studies it has been shown that popular dog walking areas may have higher nitrogen and phosphorous levels than those permitted by farmers. These richer soils encourage a particular range of plants, such as stinging nettles.

Wild flowers naturally prefer a poor soil. Dog waste fertilises the soil which makes it unsuitable.

There has been a change in different habitats, such as sand dunes and hedgerows, even since the 2020 lockdown due to increase in dog ownership. These vital wildlife corridors are essential in maintaining the natural environment. The decreasing number of wild flowers has a huge impact on the many insects that depend on them such as pollinators e.g. bees.

Picking up after your dog will help maintain and increase biodiversity.



**LOVE YOUR ENVIRONMENT?
PICK UP!**