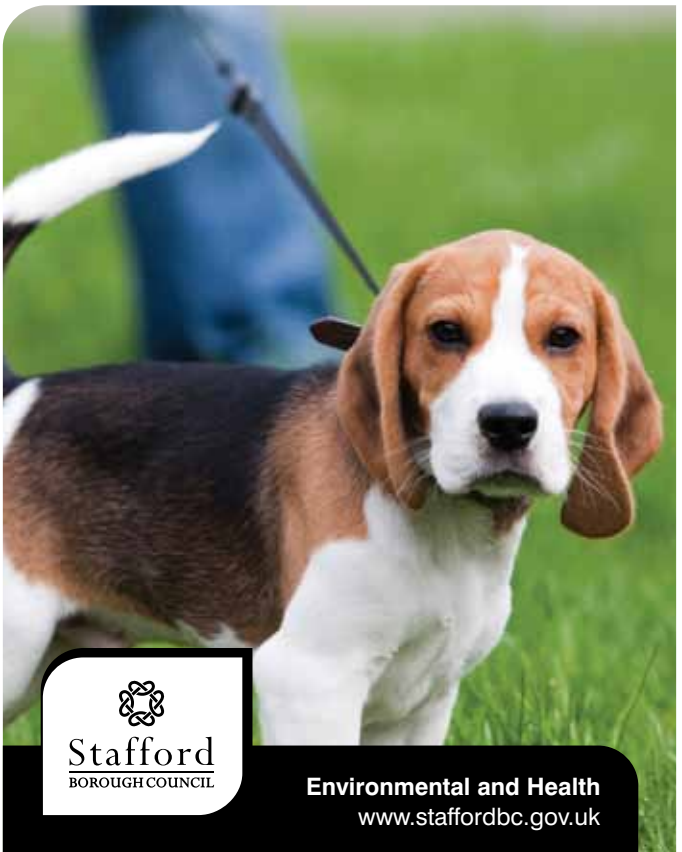


# Your Dog & the Law

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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.

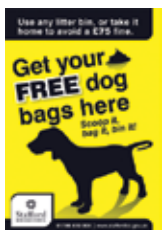
## So who is responsible?

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.



### *Remember*

The Council provides free biodegradable dog waste bags through a number of outlets around the borough. Look for the yellow dog stickers in the window or check our website to find 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:

**VISIT** [www.staffordbc.gov.uk](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk)

**CALL** 01785 619 000

**EMAIL** [info@staffordbc.gov.uk](mailto:info@staffordbc.gov.uk)

**WRITE** Head of Environment,  
Stafford Borough Council,  
Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford ST16 3AQ

## Dog Control Orders

On 8 November 2010 the following Dog Control Orders came in to force in Stafford Borough to regulate the handling of dogs.

### *Dogs Exclusion Order*

Dogs are excluded from all children's equipped play areas, whether 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 Lead Order*

All dogs must be kept on a lead at the following sites:

- Victoria Park
- Stonefield Park
- Rowley Park
- Cemeteries, *including church yards, run by the Council*

### *Dogs on Leads by Direction*

You must put your dog on a lead when asked to by an authorised officer of the Council on any site not covered by the above Dogs on Leads order. This order is designed to target dogs who are not under control.

## Fines

Any person in charge of a dog who does not clean up the mess, or fails to comply with any of the above orders, will be issued with a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice or face prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.



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