Your Dog & the Law

It is illegal to leave dog mess lying around in a public area.

If you help us cut down on dog fouling, you could be in line for a reward - see inside for details.
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 take it home with you or place the sealed bag in any normal public litter bin [make a note of where the bins are along your route].

Free Dog Waste Bags

The Council provides free 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.

Dog Control Orders

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

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 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.