

Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

Guidance Note

Dog Fouling



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Responsible dog owners understand the importance of clearing up after their pets, so they take their dog for a walk armed with a poop scoop or bag. They will dispose of the waste when they return home or use one of the many dog waste bins or litter bins provided.

There is however an inconsiderate minority who fail to clean up after their dogs. The lack of a nearby bin to dispose of dog waste is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up dog mess. If there is no convenient bin, owners must take it home for proper disposal.

Dog waste in public areas is dealt with through the normal process of street cleansing and is usually removed during scheduled street cleaning.

However local councils understand that residents are concerned about dog fouling, which is why reported incidents of dog mess will usually be removed from roads, parks, play areas or the beach within a reasonable period of time.

Reporting offenders

If you see a dog owner who allows their dog to foul the streets then you can report it to your local district council

Dog fouling and the law

For Further Crime Prevention Advice:-

For Norfolk dial 101 and ask to speak to your local Architectural Liaison Officer (ALO)

For Suffolk dial 101 and ask to speak to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Where there is a persistent problem, officers from your local Council will try to identify irresponsible dog owners. The Dog Control Order makes it illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

Inconsiderate dog owners could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1000 if there is a conviction in the Courts.

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