

What happens if I report dog fouling

Officers of North Hertfordshire District Council and authorised officers will investigate complaints of any dog fouling reports.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Anyone reported for allowing their dog to foul may be served with a Community Protection Notice for the persistent, unreasonable behaviour, detrimental to quality of life in a locality.



How you can help

If you know of any dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs please report them to North Hertfordshire District Council.

Who should I contact?

You can contact us at:

North Hertfordshire District Council
District Council Offices
Gernon Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3JF

01462 474000
www.north-herts.gov.uk

Join us to say **NO** to
DOG FOULING



If you are witnessed failing to pick up after your dog in this area you may be reported by a resident.

Dog fouling offenders can receive a Community Protection Notice and if breached, £100 Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution at court.

Making your streets safer and your neighbourhood a more pleasant place to live



Posters and bins

Posters have been erected at hotspot areas around the district providing advice, but it is the responsibility of dog owners to dispose of dog waste in the dog poo bins or litter bins provided by the Council (litter bins may also be used to dispose of bagged dog mess.)



Why you should clean up after your dog

Apart from the legal aspects, dog fouling is unsightly, smells and is associated with disease.

Toxocara Canis is a potential health risk. It is a roundworm that lives in the dog's gut. Eggs are passed out with the faeces and can survive for several years. The eggs hatch into larvae which, if ingested, enter the bloodstream. The human blood is an alien environment and the larvae will remain dormant. However, if a larvae 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 this risk altogether.



Bag it and bin it

Often dog fouling is caused by people not watching their dog and not realising that it has fouled. If you own a dog, you are responsible for it, whether it's on or off the lead. Be aware of where your dog is and what it's doing at all times.

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

