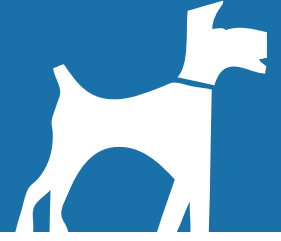


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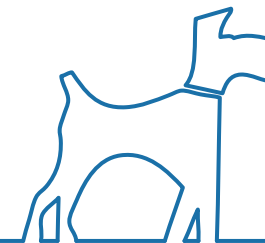
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Guidelines for North Lincolnshire dog owners



Dog fouling

Dog dirt that is not cleaned up is filthy, unpleasant to see and poses a risk to health, especially to young children.

Dog dirt carries harmful infections, the most common being caused by the parasite Toxocara.

Toxocariasis is a serious infection and is a direct result of accidentally swallowing soil, sand etc. contaminated with dog dirt carrying eggs of the parasite.

The parasite only infects humans if swallowed. The infection can last from six to 24 months. Most commonly the infection is spread by hand to mouth contact but it can also be from dogs themselves or objects such as toys, shoes, wheels on child buggies and wheelchairs for the disabled.

Infected soil can be found in children's play areas and in the street. As a result, Toxocariasis is mainly found in children between 18 months and five years. Eye disorders are the most common complaint, although

other symptoms are vague aches, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits.

How can these health risks be avoided?

Toxocara eggs are not infectious until they mature, usually 2-3 weeks after a dog and their irresponsible owner have left them. Dog dirt will contaminate the soil only when it has been left on the ground for this period of time, so if owners immediately clean up after their dog the threat of Toxocariasis is virtually eradicated.

What is the best way to clean up after a dog?

Use a doggy bag, a supermarket carrier bag or similar to pick up the dog dirt. This should then be placed in a dog waste bin - these are installed at most popular dog walking locations. If this is not possible the bag should be taken home and put in an outside bin. As a last resort, the bagged dog dirt should be put in a normal litter bin. Pooper scoops can also be used and are available from most pet stores.

Dog Control Orders

North Lincolnshire Council has made Dog Control Orders (DCOs) for specific areas of land. This is to help to keep the **minority** of irresponsible dog owners in-line with the majority of responsible dog owners.

What do Dog Control Orders mean?

North Lincolnshire Council's DCOs mean that anyone found breaking an order will be issued with a £80 fixed penalty notice or prosecuted, as appropriate.

What do the Dog Control Orders cover?

- Failing to clear up after your dog on all roads and verges, public open space, footpaths, public rights of way*.
- Allowing a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded, most commonly fenced off children's play areas.
- A single person taking more than four dogs onto land; including all roads, verges, public open space, footpaths, public rights of way*.

**as well as land indicated on the interactive map.*

For further information on North Lincolnshire Council's DCOs and to view the interactive map visit:

www.northlincs.gov.uk/dco/azindex

What do I do if I see someone breaking a Dog Control Order?

If you witness the breaking of any of the three DCOs you can call the council's Dog Wardens via the contact centre on 01724 297000.

Please give as much information as possible including time, date, location, description of the dog(s) and person(s) and any vehicle registration numbers. A Dog Warden will contact you so you can help with their enquiries.

Dog Wardens

Wardens undertake routine and targeted patrols at varying times at locations where dog dirt is repeatedly found. However, your support and information is needed to help deal with the minority of irresponsible and selfish dog walkers who fail to remove dog dirt or break a DCO.