

## The Law

The Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides the legislation that covers dog fouling.

The regulations apply to all designated land in the open air in the Selby District.

The exemptions are:

Carriageways with a speed limit of greater than 40 mph and land running alongside them.

Agricultural land and woodlands.

Marshland, moor or heath.

Rural Common land.

## The Offence

In all other areas it is an offence if you fail to clear up the waste left by a dog in your care (even if the you are absent).



By law this means you could have to pay a fine of up to £1,000.

Being unaware of the fouling, not being with the dog or not having anything suitable to remove the waste with is not an excuse. This means we can prosecute owners who let their dogs roam unattended.

If you do see someone not picking up after their dog make a note of the date, time, description of the dog and owner and report it to us.

**Selby District Council will take action against dog owners failing to clear up after their dog.**

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Help make Selby District a cleaner, safe place for everyone by becoming a responsible dog owner.

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**Dog Fouling**  
***How it affects***  
**YOU and...**



**YOUR DOG!**

## WHY WE TAKE ACTION AGAINST DOG FOULING

Dog waste is one of the more unpleasant aspect of dog ownership but it is every dog owner's duty to clean up after their dog.

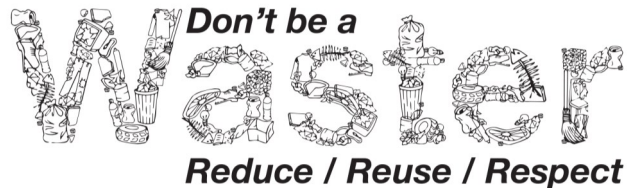
We all know how unpleasant it is to see dog waste on footpaths and in public spaces —it is even more unpleasant to step in it or to have to clean it from the wheels of a pushchair or wheelchair.

The minority of irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs damage the reputation of the majority of responsible dog owners who do.

It is every owners duty to clean up after their dog, there are no excuses.

Fouling is unacceptable.

If you are caught not picking up after your dog you could be fined up to £1,000.



## THE DANGERS

Dog waste may contain the eggs of the Toxocara worm, which can potentially cause harm to humans. There are approximately 40 cases each year in the UK. This infection in humans is called Toxocariasis.

The eggs from the Toxocara worm take approximately two weeks to hatch and become active. If left they can enter soil. If the dog owner cleans up the waste immediately there are no health risks to their own health from these worms.

Toxocara eggs can be picked up from soil, dogs coats etc. They are so small that they are not visible, so hands should be washed after contact with contaminated soil. The eggs then hatch in the intestine and may penetrate the intestinal wall and migrate around the body causing problems wherever they migrate to.

Toxocara worm eggs are most commonly found in pregnant bitches and puppies, but can be found in all dogs.

Toxocara eggs can lie dormant for a number of years in the right conditions. They are highly resistant to temperature changes and chemical disinfectants.

Foxes are also potential Toxocara Canis hosts.

## THE SOLUTIONS

If you have a garden teach your dog to go there before you leave home.

Always carry the means to clear up after your dog such as a biodegradable bag or plastic bag.

Every time your dog fouls clean it up.

Never let your dog out unattended.

Have your dog wormed regularly to protect you and your dog. Your vet can advise on a worming routine.

Always wash your hands after clearing up after your dog.

Wash children's hands after they have been handling soil or pets.

Put your dog fouling bag into a marked dog bin or into any refuse bin.

Do not throw the bag into a hedge or anywhere else as this is littering which carries the same penalties as dog fouling.

Do not rely on the rain to wash it away, this is just a lazy excuse to not pick it up.