

The importance of 'scooping the poop'

Apart from the nuisance of fouling, dog mess can often contain harmful things, like *toxocara canis*. Although the risk to human health is small, in rare cases eyesight can be damaged.

Four simple steps you can take:

- 1 Worm your dog regularly
- 2 Always "scoop the poop"
- 3 Use the dog bins provided
- 4 Adopt good hygiene practices

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Environmental Nuisances -
Dog fouling



Dogs and the law

The Cotswold District Council Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), makes it an offence if you do not remove any poo deposited by your dog. This removal must be done without delay.

The Order, made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, applies to all public, open, land in the District whether or not warning signs are displayed. The PSPO also requires dog walkers to carry the means to pick up dog poo whilst on a walk.

Any breach of the Order could result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or being taken to court and receiving a fine on conviction of up to £1000.

The PSPO does not apply to blind or partially-sighted people with guide dogs and those with other trained assistance dogs for specific disabilities.

Areas designated as 'Poop Free'

The areas of land which Cotswold District Council has designated under this act are as follows:

- A** Any highway, footway, footpath and towpath over which the public have a right of way on foot and adjoining verges which are maintained at public expense.
- B** All pedestrianised areas to which the public have access.

C Open spaces which are owned, occupied or maintained by or on behalf of Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, a registered Social landlord/ Housing Association or any Town or Parish Council within Cotswold District Council.

D Car parks, parks, play areas and sports grounds.

E Any cemetery, burial ground or churchyard.



What can I do to help?

- You can report any dog fouling to us and may make arrangements for further bins and signs to be installed.
- If you know of any persistent offenders you may also report this to us and we will investigate and take appropriate action.
- 'Scooping the Poop' benefits everyone by maintaining a cleaner environment. So don't wait for the law to make you 'scoop the poop'.