

Top Ten Reasons to Pick Up After Your Dog

Every responsible dog owner agrees... picking up after your dog is a MUST. No matter where or when it occurs. There is no excuse for not scooping the poop. So here are 10 reasons why every dog owner should be responsible for picking up every time.

- 1. IT'S THE LAW.** Just like littering, it's unlawful **NOT** to pick up after your dog, and any violation is subject to a fine by Trafford Council of up to £1,000.
- 2. It's common courtesy.** Cleaning up after your dog shows respect for our neighbours and our community.
- 3. Dog Poop is unhealthy.** Abandoned dog poop can host diseases and/or parasites which can infect other dogs who come into contact with it, or be transmitted to people who accidentally step in it and track it home. Particularly at risk, of course, are children who play on the ground. Disposing of dog poop immediately helps all dogs stay healthier and reduces faeces-borne parasites and illnesses.
- 4. Dog Poop bio-degrades slowly.** Some people think it's okay to leave dog poop because it will break down naturally. However, the bio-degrading process is very slow, and, especially in places where the dog population is high, abandoned dog poop can accumulate faster than it breaks down. In the cold weather, poop freezes and, because poop that is frozen to the ground is almost impossible to clean up, it will remain where you left it for several weeks to several months.
- 5. It's not fertilizer!** In fact, poop impedes landscaping efforts. Leaving dog poop encourages other dogs to mark that spot (by urinating or defecating near or over the previous dog's scent): poop left on the grass contributes to the problem of nitrogen burn.
- 6. Dog Poop pollutes the water.** Dog faeces, like any faeces, contains high levels of nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, which actually pollute the water. Cleaning up after your dog is environmentally responsible.
- 7. Dog Poop is unsightly, particularly on shoes/clothing/children.** Everybody knows that. It spoils the landscape and it spoils our enjoyment of the great outdoors.
- 8. Dog Poop tops the list of complaints against dogs.** More than dog aggression, nuisance barking or unsupervised dogs, most complaints against dogs are about people not cleaning up after their dogs.
- 9. Dog Poop makes dog owners look bad.** Dog poop is bad for public relations. Dog Poop is the number one reason for negative public sentiment against dogs. Every time you don't pick up after your dog, you are giving one more reason for others to dislike dogs and dog owners.
- 10. Your actions set an example for others.** When you pick up after your dog, you are part of the solution! And your actions will help convey the message that it's the right thing to do. Many people even carry extra bags to offer to others as a subtle and neighbourly hint that cleaning up after our dogs is what responsible dog owners do.

Please make sure you carry bags with you. In fact, carry extra bags and offer them to dog owners who aren't prepared or may not yet be educated about the importance of picking up after their dogs.

PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE DENZELL GARDENS AND THE DEVISDALE A PLEASURE
FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY AND KEEP YOUR DOG IN SIGHT AT ALL TIMES.

Bag it, Tie it, Bin it!

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