

# Bag it & Bin it

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## Dog Fouling Law

The Mole Valley District Council Dogs (Fouling of Land) Order came into effect in March 1999. Since that time it has become an offence to allow your dog to foul public land.

The law applies practically everywhere outside of your own boundary. For more specific examples of where you are legally obligated to pick up your dog's waste, please see the box entitled 'Where Do I Need to Pick Up?' (right).

You are entirely responsible for clearing up after your dog and excuses such as forgetting your 'poop scoop' solution will not be accepted.

If you fail to clear up after your dog you could be given a **£1000** fine.

### Public Health Risk

Not only is dog waste an antisocial nuisance, but it also poses a danger to public health. Dog waste can contain the roundworm *Toxascaris* which could cause serious infection if ingested and most commonly affects children aged between 18 months and 5 years.

Sick dogs with illnesses such as *Giardia* can also spread infection to other dogs and humans if their waste is not properly removed.



## Where Do I Need to Pick Up?

- All footpaths, footways & grass verges
- Any parking areas or hard surface areas next to or joining a road, including any road where the speed limit is 40mph or less
- All other public footpaths
- All recreation grounds, parks, gardens, sports grounds and open spaces. This includes woodland and heath land (where land is not predominately wood or heath)
- All land owned by the local housing authority, including parking and play areas
- Pedestrianised areas in all towns or villages
- All public car parks



## Be Prepared

Clearing up dog waste is part and parcel of being a responsible dog owner. You will need to be prepared at all times and take "poop bags", plastic bags or nappy sacks out with you.

Picking up dog waste is not harmful if done correctly.

Please see overleaf for how to do so.



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## How to Dispose of Waste



### 1. BAG IT

Put your hand into the bag, turn it inside out to protect yourself and then pick up your dog's waste.



### 2. TIE IT

Turn the bag back inside itself by pulling the handles back up around your hand. Use the handles to twist and knot the top of the bag.



### 3. BIN IT

The council provides dog waste bins across the district for public use. These are emptied regularly by the council's contractors.

## Poop Scoop Solutions

There are many "poop scoop" solutions available for you to choose from. One such option is the "Dicky Bag" (pictured right).

The Dicky Bag is a bag dispenser and a 'smell proof' carrier all in one. So, even if there are no waste bins around after your dog has fouled, you can carry waste on your person until you've found a bin. If there are no bins around you should carry it home with you and dispose of it there.



## Tagged & Chipped

It is an offence to allow your dog out in public without wearing the correct ID (collar and tag) displaying the following:

- Name of owner (legal requirement)
- Address (legal requirement)
- Current telephone number

**If your dog is collected as a stray and is not wearing ID, you could be issued with a fine.**

Mole Valley District Council offers a micro chipping service for £20 per dog. The micro chip is a small implant inserted under the skin in the dogs neck. It will have a number that, when scanned, will be unique to your dog - allowing for instant identification.

### Microchip your pets -They're lost without it

For more information please contact the council's Animal Warden on 01306 885001.

## Keep My Walks Free From Fouling

Baxter says "It is your responsibility to clear up after me and my four legged friends otherwise other dogs and children could get sick if they put it in their mouths."

We need your help - please don't let us down".



## Reporting Dog Fouling

To report an incident of dog fouling please either visit [www.molevalley.gov.uk](http://www.molevalley.gov.uk) and 'Report It' or call 01306 885001 and ask for Environmental Health. The Council will require details to investigate as appropriate.

**Have you seen our new website [www.molevalley.gov.uk](http://www.molevalley.gov.uk)? Tell us your ideas for improvements online or contact us on 01306 885001, Monday to Friday: 8.30am—5.00pm  
You can also come and see us at Pippbrook, Dorking or the HelpShop in Leatherhead**