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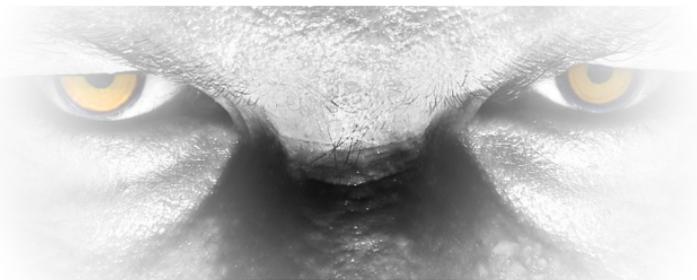
**You face a £50 fine
if you don't pick up
after your dog.**

Don't forget to bag it and bin it

Dog mess should be bagged and then disposed of in any general litter bin. Many dog owners responsibly throw away a large proportion of this mess, but there are still owners out there who are prepared to leave their dog's mess littered on borough streets, parks and around the countryside.

There has also been a growing problem of dog waste bags found hanging on trees, on railings or stuffed in hedges where some dog owners are picking up their dog's mess but are then simply dumping the bags.

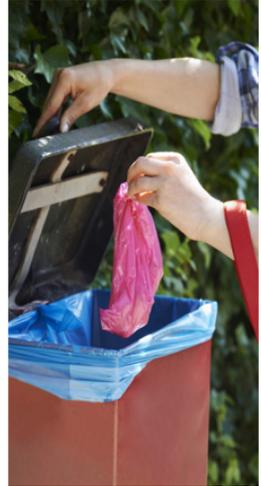
Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with it can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness and seizures.



If you see it, report it

People that don't clear up after their dog risk a £50 fine.

If you are experiencing a problem with dog fouling in your area please let the team know by calling **01256 844844** or emailing customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk



Dog responsibility

Dog owners are expected to keep their pets under proper control and are legally required to ensure they wear a collar and ID, so they can be reunited if they escape.

The collar should have the name and address, including postcode, of the owner engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag. It is also a good idea to include a telephone number. You can be fined up to £5,000 if your dog does not wear an identification tag

Any dog that is dealt with as a stray by the council will incur a release fee, kennelling charge and possibly, an out of hours' fee.

From April 2016 all dogs over eight weeks old must be microchipped and registered or they risk prosecution and a £500 fine.

For more information contact
the council on **01256 844844** or see
www.basingstoke.gov.uk/animalresponsibilities