

Dog Fouling - Enforcement Services

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Dog fouling can be an unpleasant problem, and is one which we know angers many of our residents. We do our bit to clamp down on the problem.

Copeland has its share of irresponsible dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs have fouled. This is a major issue for people.

What you can do?

- Please clean up after your dog.
- Help us tackle this problem by reporting it (email info@copeland.gov.uk [4] or call us on 01946 598300)

If this is a regular occurrence, we need your help so that we can utilise our time to achieve the best results for all. Therefore, if you can please tell us the location, likely times, which way they have come and a brief description of the owner and dog.

What enforcement powers do we have?

We have adopted the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 and its associated bylaws which include one for dog fouling; the Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2007. The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act make it an offence for a person in charge of a dog at the time it fouls not to clean up its faeces in a public place.

Our enforcement officers have a range of powers relating to dog fouling offences and undertake regular enforcement activity to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) to offenders. Under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 authorised officers can issue fixed penalty fines of £80, and/or take action in a Magistrates Court to anyone failing to clean after their dog fouls.

Failure to pay a fixed penalty will result in action being taken for the offence in the Magistrates' Court with a maximum fine of £1,000 plus costs.

Prosecutions

In 2012/13 36 FPNs were issued for dog fouling in. We will continue to issue these FPNs to those who let their dogs foul.

Penalty Charge Notices

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Challenge a Penalty Charge Notice

Please [click here](#) [6] for information regarding challenging and PCN.

Other useful information

Dog nuisance

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