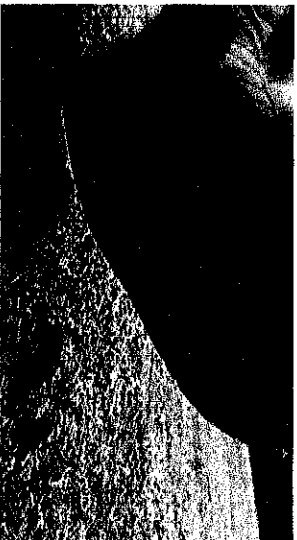


# Stamp it Out!

You can help to stamp out dog fouling in Tewkesbury Borough by reporting offences to the Council's Environmental Protection Team. Information provided to the team by members of the local community can assist in the way in which the officers carry out their investigation.

When reporting an offence of dog fouling, think about the following:

- Do you know the dog owner?
- Do they usually walk the dog at a certain time?
- Where are they allowing the dog to foul?
- What does the dog and its owner look like?
- If the dog owner is using a vehicle,



Some dog owners think that they can get away with not picking up after their pet if an officer is not around, but as more and more people come forward to report dog fouling offences, irresponsible dog owners may start to think twice about their actions.

To report offences or for further information you can contact the Environmental Protection Officers in the following ways:



Environmental Health Department  
Tewkesbury Borough Council

Gloucester Road

Tewkesbury

Glos

GL20 5TT

01684 272191

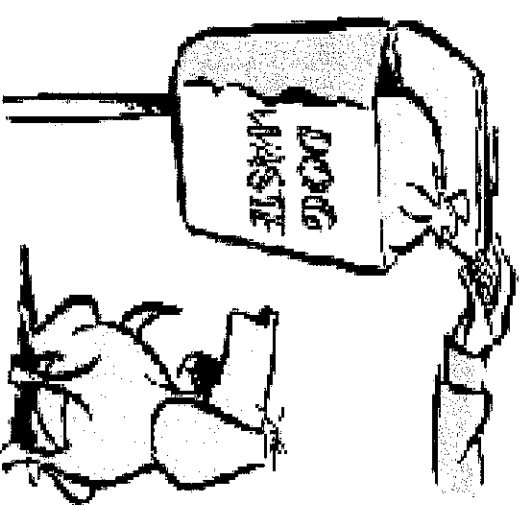
[www.tewkesbury.gov.uk](http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk)



[ehenquiries@tewkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:ehenquiries@tewkesbury.gov.uk)



**It's FOUL!**  
**Doggie Dos and Don'ts**



Environmental Health  
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## Tewkesbury Borough

### Welcomes Responsible

#### Dog Owners!

Nobody likes dog poo in public places. If you have ever stepped in dog faeces, you will probably agree that its very smelly and very difficult to remove from shoes. As well as being unpleasant, dog faeces is potentially harmful and whilst the majority of dog walkers are responsible and do pick up after their pets, a small number of people choose to ignore the rules.

Within Tewkesbury Borough, dog faeces can be disposed of in designated dog waste bins. If a designated dog waste bin is not available, dog faeces should be sealed well in a bag and disposed of in a litter bin or taken home and placed in your household waste.



## The Facts

- In Britain 1,000 tonnes of dog's mess is produced every day by our 7.5 millions pet dogs.
- Research has indicated that around 60% of dog owners in the UK don't pick up after their pets. Which is disgraceful.
- Dog faeces are dangerous to public health and can cause serious illness.
- Dogs mess is bad for the environment and very anti-social!

## Why Should I Scoop the Poop?

Tewkesbury Borough Council has adopted the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, which makes it an offence if dog walkers do not clean up after their dogs when they foul anywhere to which the public has a right of access. This includes:

- Pavements
- Paths
- Playing fields
- Grass Verges
- Gutters
- Carriageways



## Breaking the Rules

Anyone that chooses not to clean up after their dog in Tewkesbury Borough can be taken to court and fined up to £1000.

## Your Dog and Worms

Dog faeces can contain the eggs of the Toxocara worm (a type of roundworm). Humans can become infected by accidentally ingesting worm eggs or by eating food that is contaminated with soil containing the eggs. Toxocariasis (which is the name of the condition that the Toxocara worm can cause) cannot be spread from person to person. There are 3 forms of Toxocariasis, one of which can cause damage to the eye, reducing vision and in some cases causing blindness. It is thought that children are more likely to develop Toxocariasis as they more commonly come into contact with soil or sand that contains faeces. If dog faeces are not picked up immediately, the Toxocara eggs can develop and infect anyone who comes into contact with them in the future. Cases of Toxocariasis can be reduced by owners picking up immediately after their pet and by ensuring their dog is regularly wormed.