

The Council has received numerous complaints from residents who are angry about owners allowing their dogs to foul footpaths and grass verges, even private gardens. It has also come to our attention that some residents are allowing their dogs to roam in the area unsupervised.

It is an offence for any person to allow a dog to foul public areas within the Torridge District area, **the maximum fine being £1,000.**

Should the Council have knowledge that a dog owner has not cleaned up any mess left by his or her dog, a fixed penalty notice of £75.00 may be issued or a fine of up to £1,000 be imposed by a Magistrates Court.

Clearly it's far cheaper to 'Scoop that Poop'!



SO PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE A DOG ...

- ❖ Always carry a poop scoop with you just in case your dog decides to foul where he/she shouldn't
- ❖ Be considerate, do not exercise your dog in a children's play area, a school field or sports ground, or ornamental gardens
- ❖ If there is no poop scoop bin available, please take the waste home with you to dispose of
- ❖ Worm your dog at regular intervals throughout the year – ask your vet for advice
- ❖ Never allow your dog to wander unsupervised in a public place

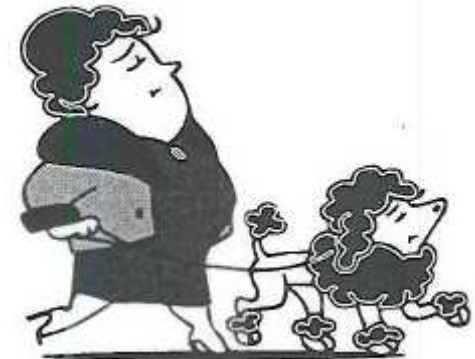
In response to complaints, regular patrols are undertaken in an effort to catch those responsible.

Help us to help you – if you witness an offence please Report it! by logging onto our website: www.torridge.gov.uk

Any information given is in the strictest confidence

Dogs should be kept under control at all times, on a lead when near a public highway and never allowed to stray. Stray dogs may cause road accidents, indiscriminate fouling and problems for other dog owners who make every effort to keep their dogs under proper control

Dogs should legally have a collar with an identity tag, and ideally a microchip, as these measures make sure that, if lost, the owner and dog can be quickly and easily reunited, saving a great deal of time, money and worry



FURTHER USEFUL ADVICE:

Dogs should not be left alone all day as it's unfair on the dog and also on neighbours if the dog is barking continuously

A well-trained dog is a happy dog with a stress-free owner. Details of dog training classes in your locality can be obtained by contacting your local Veterinary Surgery

If you require assistance in understanding this leaflet, please ring

01237 428700

or for further information contact:

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SCOOP THAT POOP CAMPAIGN



A cleaner neighbourhood ... we all want it; we can all help to achieve it.

No-one likes dogs' mess; it's a nuisance, an eyesore and poses a risk to humans, particularly children who are more likely to come into contact with it and are susceptible to the dangers of *Toxicara canis*, the roundworm larvae. This parasite, if swallowed, can cause a range of symptoms, from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In rare cases it can result in blindness.

Dog faeces also carry disease to other dogs.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and do clean up after their dogs when necessary or train them 'to go at home'. There are, however, those who still choose to be inconsiderate to others.

