

Fouling - what can I do to help?

- Pick up after your dog
- Urge dog owners to carry plenty of dog bags with them on their walks
- Help us crackdown on irresponsible dog owners by reporting offences to us. When reporting think about the following:
 - Do you know the dog owner?
 - Where are they allowing the dog to foul?
 - Do they usually walk their dog at a certain time?
 - What does the dog and its owner look like?
 - If the dog owner uses a vehicle, what is the registration and its make and model?
 - Do you know where they live?
 - Make people aware of this PSPO.

Report fouling to:
dogfouling@dacorum.gov.uk

Tips

- Dog waste can go in any litter bin
- If there isn't a bin available take it home and put it in your grey bin
- Don't let your dog foul on a playing field or sports pitch
- On National Trust land please use the 'stick and flick' method if your dog fouls.



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Public Spaces Protection Order

Management of Dogs





Dacorum Borough Council are introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to help tackle dog related issues across the borough. This has created five new offences:

- Failing to remove your dog's poo
- Failing to remove your dog's poo at the request of an authorised officer
- Failing to carry a poo bag or other means to clean up after your dog
- Failing to put your dog on a lead by request of an authorised officer
- Failure to keep your dog out of a fenced off play area or to keep it three meters away from any play equipment.

FAQs

What is a Public Space Protection Order?

It is a new power available under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014

An order can be used to control certain activities in a specified area if two conditions are met:

- The activities have had or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on those in the locality
- The effect is, or is likely to be persistent & continuing nature and is likely to be such as to make those activities unreasonable and the restrictions are justified.

Why should I pick up after my dog?

Dog poo, is smelly and unpleasant as well as being potentially harmful.

Where does the requirement to pick up after my dog apply?

The PSPO states 'A person in charge of a dog in any public place within the Borough of Dacorum (excluding National Trust land shown in Schedule 3) must forthwith clear up and remove any faeces deposited by the dog and either take away the faeces or place the faeces in a general litter or dog waste bin'

It means you must pick up your dog's poo outdoors in parks, open spaces, on the footpath, highway, Boxmoor Trust Land, bridleways or any other area which someone could reasonable be expected to access. This excludes your own private front or back garden and National Trust land.

Do I need to keep my dog away from children play areas?

Dogs must not enter any enclosed children's playground across the whole of Dacorum, they should also be kept at least 3 metres away from any unfenced play equipment.

Why should I carry more than one poo bag?

If asked by an authorised officer you should be able to show that you have suitable means for clearing away any faeces your dog produces.

Why would an authorised officer ask me to place my dog on a lead?

An officer would only ask for a dog to be placed on a lead if its is causing a detrimental effect to those in the locality.

What happens if someone breaches the PSPO?

They can be given a Fixed Penalty Notice or be prosecuted.

Why do we need these orders?

The Borough Council isn't trying to stop dog owners from enjoying themselves within the Borough. The orders are designed to ensure that everyone can enjoy our public spaces safely and without encountering anti-social behaviour.

We are aware that the majority of our dog owners do not cause problems across the Borough so If you (or your dog) are not causing a nuisance or disturbance and you are adhering to the orders then this PSPO will not affect you in any way.

Who will enforce the PSPO?

Authorised Borough Council staff & authorised members of their partner agencies.

