Dog Fouling

The great majority of dog walkers do pick up after their dog and get really annoyed with the few who don’t as they don’t want to be “tarred with the same brush.” There is no excuse for not picking up.

Blindness in children from dog fouling caused by Toxocara canis

Whilst the problem should not be exaggerated, it is necessary for dog owners and the public to know what they need to do to minimise the risk.

**Toxocara canis** is a parasite that lives inside dogs’ bodies. It is a round, white worm (looks like spaghetti) and it infects, most frequently, pregnant nursing bitches and young puppies.

Once ingested they can travel around the body, usually causing little problem.  Very rarely though, they can settle in the soft tissue of the retina of the eye, where damage or even **blindness can be caused**, approximately 50 cases a year are recorded.

Preventative measures include:

* Worm your dog properly both as a puppy and as an adult.
* Clean up after your dog has fouled.
* Prevent dogs from licking your hands and face.
* Ensure hands are washed after playing on grassed areas where dogs are allowed and where dogs or puppies have been handled.

If you have any information on owners not cleaning up after their dogs please contact the dog warden. Tel:(01482) 393939

Using litter bins for dog waste

Some residents have asked us if they can put dog faeces in litter bins.

We can confirm that **all East Riding of Yorkshire Council litter bins may be used** for disposing of bagged up dog waste collected whilst walking your dog.  If anyone leaves bags of dog waste on trees, bushes, the base of a lamp post etc. they are committing a littering offence that may also be punished by way of a £75 fixed penalty being issued.

If you would like to report an offender, please ring the dog warden.

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or contact the streetscene team to report a littering offence or to report a full litter bin.

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