

Dog poop!



There are over **half a million dogs** in New Zealand. This means an estimated **85 tonnes of faeces** are deposited in our parks, reserves, streets and properties every day!

Why clean up after your dog?



Dog fouling is of particular concern on our walking tracks, suburban streets and sport fields. It is not only the inconvenience of removing it from your shoes, but there is also a significant health risk.

Dog faeces may contain toxocara canis or roundworms. Large numbers of the parasite's eggs can accumulate in soil where dogs are allowed to defecate and, as they are sticky, can collect on the hands and under fingernails and infect humans.

Children and people with poor hygiene are most prone to infection, which can include severe inflammation and actual mechanical damage to the organs. Signs of infection include intermittent fever, loss of weight and appetite, and a persistent cough.

Fines for leaving dog droppings

Failure to remove your dog's droppings from all public areas is an offence against the Control of Dogs Bylaw and carries a fine of \$300. When exercising your dog, always carry a plentiful supply of poo bags and carefully wrap the droppings before you dispose of them in the rubbish.



If you see someone leaving their dog's droppings behind, you can contact us on 03 687 7200. If you can get any information such as their car registration or even the dog's registration number, it will help us to find and fine the offender.

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