

# Dog Fouling Awareness Notice

I am writing to you as a resident of Abingdon to highlight the problem of dog fouling in your area. Unfortunately, dog mess is on the increase in your locality and the Council needs your support in helping to eradicate the problem.

Dog mess is not only unpleasant but it spreads diseases which can cause illness and even blindness.

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access.

**It is a crime to allow a dog to foul in any public area without cleaning it up. By doing so you could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.**

## Advice for Dog Owners

In order to ensure that you do not fall foul of the law, simply follow these pointers:

- Never let your dog walk a great distance from you as this makes it difficult to see when they foul.
- Always carry a bag when walking your dog so you can clean up after it.
- Encourage your dog to stay on the perimeters of fields or pitches to ensure that any remains of the fouling do not cause any harm to innocent bystanders.
- Do not just park up next to a public area and let your dog roam on its own. This dangerous practice could result in not only a fixed penalty for your dog's fouling – your dog could also be taken away as a stray. A collar and ID tag are also required by law.
- Please report any dog mess that needs clearing up to the Council's Waste Contractor **Verdant** on 03000 610 610 or email [admin.vale@verdant-group.co.uk](mailto:admin.vale@verdant-group.co.uk), identifying the exact location, eg on pavement outside 114 Green Lane, Dean Court, Cumnor.

**If you see another dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environment Wardens on 01235 520202 or email [environmental.protection@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)**