



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

DOG FAECES

Fact Sheet

Scoop that poop!

Remember the importance of picking up after your dog. Not only is dog poo unsightly and unpleasant, it has other negative impacts on our community and environment.

It is a legal requirement under the *Dog Control Act 2000* that;

“a person in charge of a dog must immediately remove and dispose of any dog faeces left by the dog in a public place or in a place not owned by the person”.

If the person does not pick it up it can lead to a fine of up to \$300.

Some of the impacts of failing to clean up after your dog can be as follows:

Health Impacts to other dogs

- Parvo—virus, Distemper
- Canine Hepatitis, Hookworm
- Roundworm, Tapeworm and Whipworm

Health Impacts to People

- Hookworm, Tapeworm, Roundworm and Whipworm.
- Eye infections, throat infections and gastroenteritis from swimming in polluted waterways.

Environmental Impacts

- Washed into stormwater drains results in pollution of fresh waterways and spilling out into our oceans.
- Effecting marine life and regularly closing the beaches due to the water being unsafe to swim in.

Amenity Impacts

- Flies and Insect breeding.
- Smell, stepping in it, riding through it and, having your front gardens and nature strip left with “deposits” if you don’t have a front fence!

If you are affected by irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs, a complaint can be made to council and our Animal Management Officers will respond.

We will need the correct address of where the dog is kept.

We will also need relevant details to effectively action the complaint.

We need this information so that we may carry out a fair and impartial investigation. This information may also help the animal’s owner understand the effects they cause on others. We will not respond to anonymous complaints, as we cannot verify that the complaint has not been lodged for frivolous or vexatious reasons. Also Council cannot provide feedback to anonymous complaints. This makes it very difficult for dog owners and Council Officers to know if their efforts have been effective or not.

If you can't find an answer to your question, or require more information please contact us on 03 62593011 or email to mail@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au

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