

Dog waste



**Keeping our
environment safe.
As a responsible
pet owner, you have
an obligation to care
for your pet as well
as a duty to ensure
your dog's activities
don't disturb your
neighbours or affect
the environment.**

A small investment of time and commitment on your part will ensure everyone is respected.

Your Responsibilities

When taking your pet out in public, make sure you are prepared to pick up any litter it leaves behind. As a responsible dog owner it's up to you to ensure that your dog is well behaved and manageable in public environments such as parks and public pavements.

Picking up after your pet

Dog faeces are unsightly and unpleasant, particularly when you step in them. They can also pollute waterways when washed in by rainwater.

When exercising your pet in public, please use dog tidy bags and pick up after your pet. If walking your dog in an area where bags have not been provided, please make sure that you take your own with you.

City Rangers play a key role in raising and promoting awareness of dog owner's responsibilities. They are empowered to take measures to ensure dog owners comply with the Companion Animals Act 1998. Failure to pick up after your pet in public areas can incur on-the-spot fines.

Why it is important to pick up dog litter

- Leaving dog faeces in public is against the law.
- Dog faeces pollute our parks, waterways and pathways. They are unsightly and smell.
- They are dangerous – injuries can occur from slipping in dog faeces.

Infectious Diseases and Parasites

Bacteria and parasites (including fleas and worms) can be passed onto other animals. Dog owners can reduce this risk by regular intestinal worming disposing of dog faeces and preventing dogs from scavenging.

An adult dog should be wormed every three months, puppies must be wormed every two weeks until they're 12 weeks old and then monthly until they're six months old.

Contact the City of Sydney

For further information about microchipping and lifetime registration fees (including discounts for desexed animals and reduced fees for pensioners) call the City of Sydney on 9265 9333 or send a fax to 9265 9222. Information is also available on the City of Sydney website at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Residents/Animals/Default.asp

Pets in the City

City of Sydney understands the importance of the human/companion animal bond and is committed to supporting responsible pet ownership to benefit the entire community. Enjoy being a considerate and responsible companion animal owner.

