

CHADDESLEY CORBETT

Parish Council

Working Together to maintain a clean and healthy parish

CARE AND CONTROL OF DOGS

In recent years residents have reported increasing incidences of dog fouling in parts of the parish.

The WFDC provides helpful advice about the care and control of dogs and notes that nearly 12 tonnes of dog excrement is produced within the district each day. Much of this is deposited on footpaths and playing fields. At best it can cover shoes, clothing and carriage wheels and at worst can lead to blindness caused by the passing on of an infection called 'toxocara canis'.

Under The Dogs Act 1996 (Fouling of Land) the WFDC has designated land to include roads, footpaths, school playing fields, sports fields and parks. It is an offence for a dog owner not to clean up after an area has been fouled. Failure to comply can result in prosecution and a fine of up to £1000. To claim ignorance of a dog's actions is considered no defence.

The Parish Council in consultation with WFDC is reviewing the location of waste bins and the positioning of signs which request parishioners and visitors to operate within the law in all parts of the parish.

It is every dog owner's responsibility to clean up after their dog. Please help to maintain a clean and healthy environment in the following ways.

- Keep your dog on a lead in public places to include roads, pavements, verges, footpaths and rights of way across farmland.
- When crossing the allotments using the main footpath always keep your dog on a lead. This is a food production area and should never be used as a dog lavatory.
- Train your dog to defecate on your own property.
- If you walk your dog in a public place always carry the means to clear up after them.
- Whenever your dog fouls 'bag it and bin it'. Remember that rain does not wash the problem away.
- Never let your dog out alone to relieve itself.

DON'T BLAME THE DOG!

For further information please contact WFDC on 01562 732 928 or at www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

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