

diarrhoea in young animals; but adult dogs may show no symptoms. Worming is easy, effective and costs very little. You can get worming treatments from your pharmacist, vet, pet shop or larger branches of supermarkets. Follow the maker's instructions carefully. The treatment required depends on your dog's weight.

Adult dogs should be wormed at least every 6 months. Pregnant bitches and bitches with young puppies should be wormed more frequently. With puppies seek veterinary advice, but in general puppies should be wormed when they are about 2 weeks old and then treated at regular intervals until they are 6 months.

RECENT CHANGES

The Government has given local authorities powers to make "Dog Control Orders" to control other activities of dog owners. Waveney has recently introduced a Dog Control Order which impose obligations on dog owners in respect of:

- Cleaning up dog faeces;
- keeping a dog on a lead;
- putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer;
- prohibiting dogs from land;

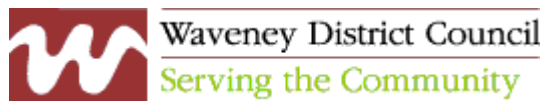
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Offences are punishable by a fine of up to £1000 upon conviction, or a fixed penalty notice – (£80)

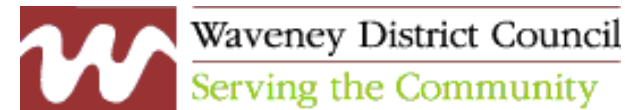
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We would like to know what you think about these aspects of dog control. If you would like to make a suggestion or a comment, please write to the address at the foot of this leaflet or email us at: environment@waveney.gov.uk or visit our website at: www.waveney.gov.uk and use the feedback form.

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Clear up after your dog

A cleaner neighbourhood. We all want it. We can all help to achieve it. No one likes dog mess.

POOP SCOOPING AND THE LAW

Under the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 it is an offence to fail to clear up after your dog on most land open to the public in the Waveney District. We have begun issuing fixed penalty notices to people who fail to clean up after their dogs.



This leaflet explains how you can do your bit by helping reduce dog mess on the streets, parks and beaches.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING

Being a responsible dog owner means more than making sure your dog is well fed and looked after. Dogs need to be trained and part of this is toilet training.

It is best to train when the dog is still a puppy. But older dogs can learn too.

How to start: A puppy goes to the toilet very frequently, so begin by putting him outside in a suitable spot if you think he seems to want to go. Keep repeating this and praise him when he finishes. If you can't get outside, get your puppy to use a litter tray.

Regular times: Get your dog used to a routine. Build up regular times when you take him out - in the morning, after a meal and at night.

Going on command: Use a command word such as "clean" or "busy" just as he is about to go to the toilet. Always use the same tone of voice and praise him when he has finished. Training him means he will go where you want him to - and not in unsuitable places.

GOING AT HOME

If you've got a garden, then why not screen off a small area where you can train your dog to go. You can then bury the mess in the garden or pick it up using a poop scoop.

You can wrap up the used poop scoop in a plastic bag and dispose of it with your normal household waste.

If you don't have a garden and your dog is not too large, try training your dog to use a litter tray.

Dispose of the contents of the litter tray by double wrapping it in plastic bags and dispose of it with your normal household waste.

WHAT ABOUT WHEN I AM OUT WITH MY DOG?

If your dog needs to go while you're out, "**scoop the poop**". You can buy all sorts of different poop scoops cheaply at pet shops and some supermarkets. If you don't have a poop scoop with you, you can use a newspaper or plastic bag.

If you use a poop scoop, you will not need to touch the mess directly. Many designs of poop scoop involve a plastic bag, which can be tied up before you dispose of it.

The larger supermarkets sell bags intended for wrapping disposable nappies. These make excellent poop-scoop bags. Some brands are scented and cost only a few pence each.

Whatever type of poop scoop you use, remember to wash your hands as soon as you can afterwards.

Dog mess can contain a number of things which can make people ill - best known of which is infection with ***Toxocara canis***, which is a roundworm. If the eggs of this worm are swallowed, this can result in a range of symptoms from aches and pains to bronchial conditions. In rare cases eyesight can be damaged.

You can reduce the risks of these effects by:

- worming your dog regularly;
- always clearing up after your dog;
- good hygiene practice.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE POOP SCOOP WHEN IT'S BEEN USED

Some areas are provided with special bins where you can put your used poop scoops.

If there are no bins around, take the poop scoop home and dispose of it. If that is not possible, then as a last resort wrap the used poop scoop again in a plastic bag and dispose of it in a litter bin. You should never dispose of your used poop scoop by throwing it in the undergrowth.

WORMING YOUR DOG

Worms can affect a dog at any age. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly. Worms can cause sickness and