



Canine Volunteer Scheme



Role of a Canine Volunteer

- ❑ To talk to other friendly dog owners, to offer advice and to supply dog bags if required
- ❑ To thank responsible dog owners for picking up their dogs poo and to give out 'Thank You' cards
- ❑ To report any incidents of dog fouling, stray dogs or dog welfare issues
- ❑ Let others know about enforcement action in the area and free dog microchipping events
- ❑ To engage with others to let them know about the volunteering role and perhaps encourage others to join us



Canine Volunteers kit

- ❑ Information cards
- ❑ Reporting cards
- ❑ Thank you cards
- ❑ Spare poo bags
- ❑ High Viz jacket for your dog
- ❑ Kit bag and freebies



Safety



Some characters to look out for

Mr. 'Couldn't care less'

Some dog owners simply do not care about how their behaviour affects others and their Environment.

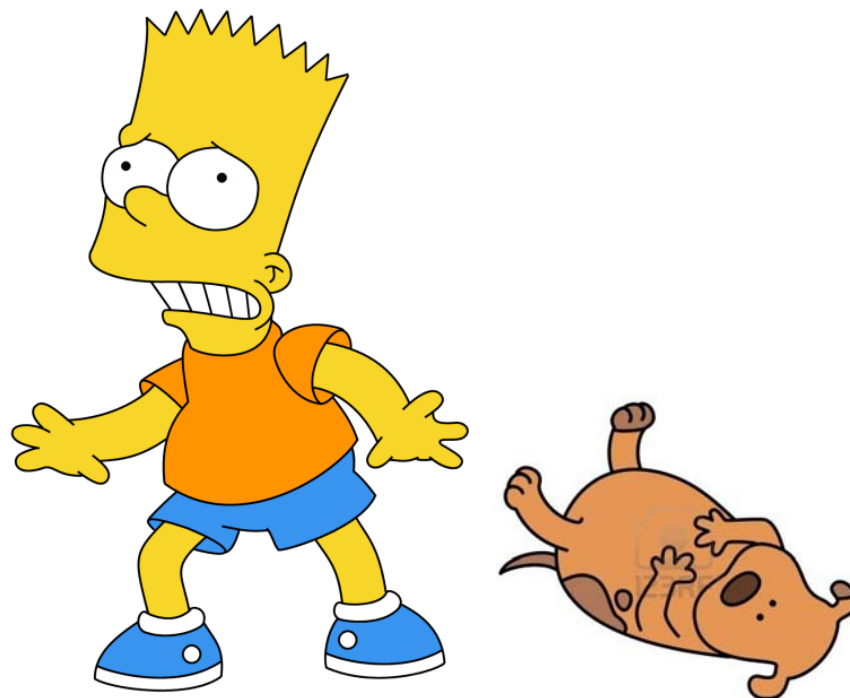
You may wish to try to persuade these owners to think about the issues, or simply record their dog walking activities and let us know so that we can try to address the problem through out routine patrols.



Some characters to look out for

Mr. 'It wasn't me!'

Many dog owners will claim it was not their dog and even though you saw it happen – you may not wish to challenge them. This is still a great opportunity to tell the dog owner about the problems with dog fouling and to offer them a spare bag.



Some characters to look out for

Mrs 'Why should I?'

Some owners feel that for a variety of reasons, they should not have to pick up their dogs poo.

The law is clear and it is worth reminding them that dog patrols are happening in the area, and unless they are exempt, they may be fined if they do not clean up after their dog.



Some characters to look out for

Miss 'Who me/I didn't see anything?'

You will see this dog owner everywhere – but remember, not seeing your dog foul is no excuse for not picking up.

This is a great opportunity to alert The owner to the fact they have missed their dog fouling and a bag can be offered with some advice about where they can dispose of it.



Some characters to look out for

Mr 'Why should I?'

This character crops up from time to time and genuinely believes he should be able to leave his dogs fouling for someone else to deal with.

Do not try to deal with this scenario unless you feel very confident to do so. This is a job for Preston City Council. Simply tell us when and where this owner tends to walk their dog and we will deal with this through routine patrols.



Dog Welfare Service

The Dog Welfare Service promotes responsible dog ownership:

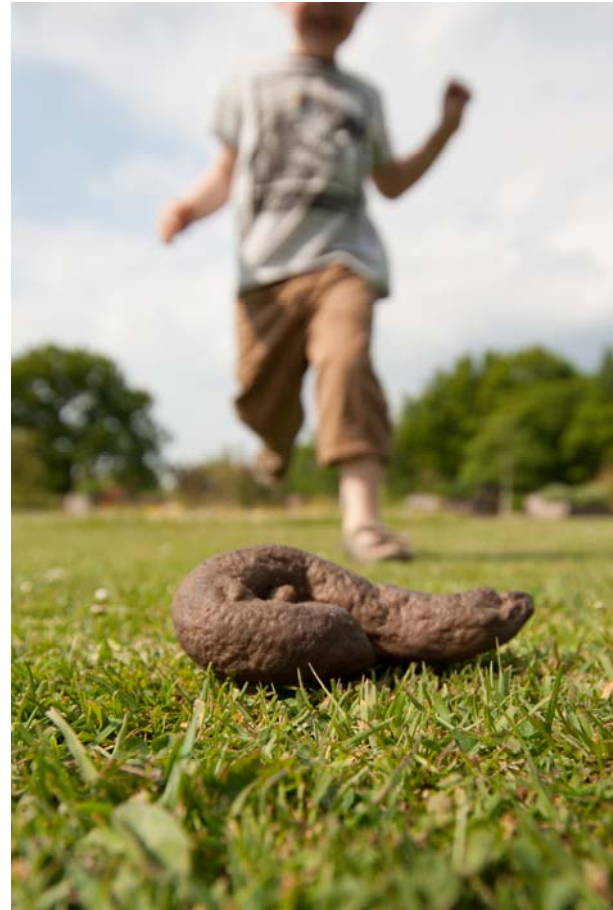
- ❑ Publishing and distributing advisory information
- ❑ Educational talks to schools and community groups and individual dog owners
- ❑ Participating in both dog specific and broader community promotional events
- ❑ Patrols of the City's streets, parks and public open spaces to target enforcement action, issuing fixed penalty notices to dog owners who fail to clean up after their dog
- ❑ Free micro chipping
- ❑ Dog behavioral and training advice

Clean Environment Service

- ❑ Responsible for clearing dog fouling from the Public Highway and Preston City Council open spaces.
- ❑ Operating a large team of litter picking operatives who clear the streets and many public areas of litter and dog fouling.
- ❑ Education is a large part of this process and we spend some time visiting local schools and community groups to talk about the harm litter and dog fouling can do to the environment.

Dog Fouling

- ❑ Dog fouling is one of the most common complaints we receive from the general public and is a particular problem to blind people and people with wheelchairs and prams.
- ❑ Dog faeces can also have serious health implications because it can transmit harmful diseases. One such disease is Toxocariasis, which can cause blindness in children.



Legislation regarding dog fouling

- The Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2012, makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove dog faeces. A fixed penalty notice can be issued to anyone found allowing their dogs to foul and not removing the dog faeces immediately from the public area and any open space.



Stray Dogs

The Dog Welfare Service attempt to minimise the number of dogs roaming unattended within the City by:

- Patrols
- Response and collection of dogs from public and other organisations
- Educational work
- Microchipping advice and services

Dog Control Orders

There are presently four Dog Control Orders in force in Preston, which our Dog Welfare Officers enforce:

- ❑ Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2012
- ❑ Dogs Exclusion Order 2012
- ❑ Dogs on Lead by Direction 2012
- ❑ Dogs on Leads Order 2012

And finally.....

- ❑ Simply having your presence on the city's parks assures others that there are people in the community who care about our environment
- ❑ The Canine Volunteer role is simply an extension of the every day interaction you may have with other dog owners in your area.
- ❑ Only talk to people you are happy to talk to, ANY assistance you can give us to spread the word about responsible dog ownership will be welcomed
- ❑ We want you to enjoy working with us – Do not tackle anything you are unsure of, simply contact ourselves and we will deal with anything you feel concerned about