



Green Dog Walkers®

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leave only
pawprints®...

for further information visit
www.durham.gov.uk/greendogwalkers
or call **03000 261 000**

Green Dog Walkers® is an original project initiated by Community Green Initiative of Dunipace in partnership with Falkirk Council.

If you wish to sign this Pledge, please fill out the attached Acceptance.

Keep your copy of the Pledge for future reference.

For further information about responsible dog ownership and dog control powers, visit www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol



Green Dog Walkers®



A friendly way to tackle dog fouling issues



What's the Green badge for?

If you see someone wearing the Green Dog Walkers® badge, it means they have "Taken the Pledge"

- to always clear up after their dog
- to carry extra doggie bags
- to gladly give you a bag for your dog - just ask!
- to encourage other dog owners to be more responsible.

A friendly reminder...

Green Dog Walkers® is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.

Would you like to take part in the project?

Just read The Pledge and return the signed Acceptance Form. We will send you your Green Dog Walkers® badge.

The facts...

- Under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and by power of a Public Space Protection Order for dog control, you must:
 - 1) pick up after your dog and put the waste in a bin
 - 2) not allow your dog to stray
 - 3) put your dog on a lead when asked by an authorised officer
 - 4) not allow your dog into designated fenced off play sites where dogs are now allowed.If you don't follow the above rules, you will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100. If taken to court, the maximum fine is £1000.
- It is estimated that the dog population of the UK is 8.5 million, producing well over 1,000 tonnes of excrement each day.
- Children aged between 1 and 4 are most at risk from diseases from dog fouling.
- Worms called Toxocara canis- can be found in dog mess and cause stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and, in rare cases, blindness.
- The eggs can remain active in the soil for many years, long after the dog mess can be seen.

However, it IS SAFE to clean it up "on the spot"!

Take the Pledge today - you and your pal!

The Green Dog Walkers® Pledge



I hereby volunteer to accept a Green Dog Walkers® badge and pledge to take part in the campaign as follows:

1. I will wear the badge as often as possible when walking my dog(s).
2. I will, at all times, clean up after my dog and dispose of the bag in a bin.
3. When others walk my dog I will encourage them to clean up after my dog.
4. I understand that wearing the badge indicates that I carry extra doggie bags to distribute to other dog walkers if requested.
5. At no time when wearing the badge will I aggressively confront other dog walkers about dog fouling. I fully understand that Green Dog Walkers® is intended to be a non-confrontational and friendly campaign to change attitudes about dog fouling.
6. I will not let my dog stray.
7. I agree to putting my dog on a lead when asked by an authorised officer.
8. I will not let my dog into designated fenced off play sites where dogs are not allowed.



Acceptance Form: The Green Dog Walkers® Pledge

I have read the Green Dog Walkers Pledge. My dog and I agree to take part in the GDW campaign. By my signature below, I hereby volunteer to accept the terms of the Pledge, to receive and wear a Green Dog Walkers badge, and to carry extra doggie bags when I walk my dog.

Print Name: Dog's Name:
Address:
Town: Postal Code:
Telephone: Email:
Signed: Date:/...../.....

Your Green Dog Walker® badge will be given to you upon receipt of this form.

I understand that my contact information will be held in confidence by Green Dog Walkers® and not shared with any other parties or agencies.

We may wish to contact you about dog fouling issues in your area. If you do not wish to be contacted, please tick the box.