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DOG FOULING

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005¹ empowered local authorities to implement Dog Control Orders, after appropriate consultation. Dog Control Orders may restrict where you can walk your dog (on or off the lead) and how many dogs you can walk at one time. Dog Control Orders made it an offence if a person in charge of a dog failed to clean up its faeces. Designated land is **any** land that is open to the air and to which the public are permitted to have access by way of payment or not. See [dog fouling](#)² for more information, or [report dog fouling](#)³ to the Council.

Cornwall Council have introduced a Dog Fouling Order that covers all of Cornwall. This is to ensure all areas of Cornwall have the same levels of enforcement for dog fouling.

Failing to clean up after your dog has fouled will result in a fixed penalty being issued. This is for **£100** or prosecution where, if found guilty, you would face a maximum fine of **£1000**.

We only have a limited number of Dog Welfare and Enforcement Officers in Cornwall.

However, there are a number of other officers who are able to issue fixed penalties. Many of these are not uniformed officers. Most PCSOs can also issue fixed penalties. This means that there is a relatively high chance that you will be caught should you not clear up after your dog has fouled. Millbrook Parish Council now employs a Dog Fouling & Litter Enforcement Officer.⁴ ([Parish Council Meeting 17th July 2018, item 29](#))

It is not an excuse in law that you were not aware of the fact that the dog had fouled. You can be held responsible even if you did not see the incident, or if it is witnessed whilst your dog is straying.

¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/16/contents> - The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 (S.I.2006/1059)

² <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/dogfouling>

³ <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/animal-welfare/dog-welfare-and-enforcement-service/dog-fouling/report-dog-fouling/>

⁴ <http://www.millbrook-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Millbrook-Parish-Council-Meeting-17-07-2018-Approved.pdf>