

Dear Resident,

## **Dog Fouling in this area**

There has been a recent rise in the number of complaints regarding dog fouling on the pavements. Therefore we are writing to all residents to raise awareness of this issue and also to remind those that own dogs of their responsibilities.

## **Failing to remove dog fouling is an offence**

A Constable, Police Community Support Officer or Council Enforcement Officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence under section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. You will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100. If you pay the fixed penalty within the 14 days you will not be prosecuted.

## **Dog fouling is a nuisance and a health risk**

As well as being against the law, dog fouling can also be a nuisance and a health risk to other residents. Dog faeces can carry worms that can cause serious eye infections in adults and children, and can potentially cause blindness.

## **Be a responsible dog owner - Bag it & bin it**

Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog. Poop scoop bags are available from a wide range of sources, or you can reuse any plastic bag.

Once you have picked up and bagged the faeces it can be disposed of in any litter bin – remember “bag it and bin it”. Please do not dump these on the ground, in vegetation or hang poop bags on trees or fences.

## **Report incidents of dog fouling**

Should you see dog fouling around the borough that hasn't been cleared up, please report it using the Report a problem page on our website, <https://reportaproblem.hackney.gov.uk/> or by using the Fix My Street app.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and, if you are a dog owner, thank you for being a responsible one.

***Hackney Environmental Services***