

Appendix 4

Do you agree or disagree with the continuation of the order that any person responsible for a dog must have with them an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog within the areas shown on the map in Schedule 2?

If you do not agree, please tell us why.

Responses

<p>Where I agree that should have them the appropriate means. I feel there should be consideration that under special circumstances the dog owner may have had to use much more to remove some faeces than normal and may unexpected exhausted what they had. Or alternatively, may have dropped, lost, wind blew away their spare ones. A what if type circumstance. Everyone should have the need when starting their journey.</p>
<p>Carry poo bags if the dog has not pooped then no offence has been committed</p>
<p>It should not be an offence for someone to have run out of dog poo bags</p>
<p>I have in the past found myself picking up pop only for my dog to later on our walk do a second pop. Realising I have lost my bags and asked a passing dog walker if they can spare a bag so I can despos of the mess</p>
<p>The thugs who enforce this should not have a right to stop people to ask to search them for bags</p>
<p>People are forgetful also if the dog doesn't do anything there's not a problem</p>
<p>I am wary of additional legislation that covers 'just in case' scenarios. The idea that it becomes an offence to not carry poo bags when walking your dog, is overkill. Legislation to deal with dog fouling is ok, but prescribed behaviour is not.</p>
<p>Once again agree with clear up, not the stranger having personal data</p>
<p>I agree, but do not agree to being stopped by anyone to provide proof. This is threatening behaviour.</p>
<p>The 2 previous questions should be enough controls to cover this problem</p>
<p>Very very rarely we have got to the end of a roll of poo bags and found that the last one or two won't open or are split. This is awful for us but a possible scenario</p>
<p>I always carry a spare bag, but this order means I cannot donate it to any other owner if they need it once I have only 1 left even if I have already used one for my own dog-</p>
<p>This isn't a police state! If people forget or run out of bags, they could be penalised. If you enforce poo being out the way of human interaction, then that is the main thing. You'll just upset people with this rule as law abiding citizens will forget once in a while and repeat offenders or people who don't care will continue not to care. Focus on the behaviour you want to see - removing human/dog poo interaction, bags are secondary to that.</p>
<p>I'm interested what will happen if the dog has already needed multiple bags and the owner has no more</p>
<p>I've left home without such means by accident, I still managed to clean up after my dog, however, I do not want to be in the position where some jobsworth can fine me for not having such means.</p>
<p>People can be forgetful</p>

More emphases should be put on litter louts as plastic pollution is more damaging than a little dog poo

This survey question only deals with the requirement to carry such means. It does NOT address the second part regarding the need to produce such means when requested. No offence has been committed at that point and as such should not be included.

We shouldn't be asked if we have a bag to pick up as sometimes a bag/bags has been used. The person with a dog will know their dog wouldn't be going again.

I also think this order should include FAECES deposited by humans should have imposed fines. I have on many occasions seen parents allow their children to wee/defecate opposite the playground (even though toilet facilities are nearby) plus there is a daily average of TWELVE FAECED NAPPIES left in and around the splash park during the summer months (this figure has been confirmed on many occasions by the council staff who are disgusted by this litter they are responsible for clearing due to parents having zero social conscience)

You are incriminating all dog owners with your order and your officers who intimidate responsible dog owners. You are not identifying and dealing with dog owners who are completely out of control.

BUT I have occasionally forgotten dog bags but always been able to find a littered alternative, at other times I have given bags to other dog walkers, and received them.

Because if a dog runs away from because it's spooked you

Some people stick and flick which is better for the environment depending on the area they are walking their dog

Because your presumption is that people don't pick after their dogs and it leads to stop and search action by a private company, something not even the police is authorized to do. There is no crime not to have dog poo bags on you, but instead the council should make dog poo bags available next to the bins like in other countries in Europe for ex. Germany and France

I think it is acceptable for someone to have forgotten on occasion

Not always a bad person who should be slapped a fine for forgetting a bag.

Professional dog walkers are not always picking up their dog mess . Is this one dog one plastic bag or just one plastic bag for the lot

Because you don't have to pick up faeces on National trust land - more plastic bags dumped in our countryside

It could be they have already used there bags to pick up. Also what should happen if it cant be picked up as in the dog has an upset stomach

responsible dog owners may on occassion forget and still be able to move the waste to a hedge or out of the way. Or they may have used all the bags they are carrying at time they are stopped and asked.

I think on occasion a dog can become unwell on a walk and need 3 or more poo bags. Also runny faeces would be impossible to pick up. I don't think these things should be criminalised.

What happens if this is the first time the person has forgotten and/or they do not have sufficient bags and have used them up beforehand?

Because with the best will in the world sometimes you run out and have to borrow a bag

Stop dog walkers and ask them to show the dog poo bag .If they don't have it , issue Fine on the spot £100

Fine them if they do not have poo bags that can be shown to warden etc.

The order is very prescriptive you do not necessarily need a bag to pick it up.

Please see previous comment

do not mandate what people should or should not carry - it will result in vexatious prosecution of people who may have run out of poo-bags or just put on a different coat without a supply in the pocket - again smacks of totalitarianism

As having owned a dog I know that once the dog has "been" they unlikely that will go again. In this instance I may take my dog out a short distance WITHOUT the means to pick up as I would not need anything as the dog has already done its business. In this proposal I would be deemed as contravening this act. I feel this is going a little too far and is unnecessary as you do not always need something with you.

Obviously I agree people should have to clear up after their dogs. But as stated before, I do not agree with officers demanding to see what someone has in their pockets. This is intrusive, can lead to arguments and upset and is unlikely to target the people really causing the problem.

I think there should be some leeway with this as sometimes you may have cleaned up you dog poo knowing that your dog only does one poo so may not have another bag, also I have used a tissue to clean up, would you're jobsworths consider this to be a suitable means or would they be throwing a party at being able to issue a fine

However if the person normally carries them but for some reason hasn't that one time this should be taken into consideration.

I have heard of some over the top enforcement officers demanding proof, I think that there are genuine times where you may have used your waste bags and now have empty pockets, or unfortunately there are times where you find yourself without the means, I have been known to use a crisp packet, face mask, large leaf etc in those circumstances. I think it would be better for DBC to provide poo bags in green spaces, many other local authorities do this and it could be funded through the proceeds of the fines that have been given.

I don't agree that dog owners can be stopped and searched or face a fine.

People can forget things by accident. I don't think punishing them with fines is fair, maybe the constables should carry the bags for in case people forgot

Maybe at end of walking dog so may have already used poobags

Only reason for not agreeing is you may not have one after disposing of one

Because most dogs go twice then you run out

As previously answered

Again stop and search?

I always have plenty of bags with me, but if your dog has already done its business and you've not got any more on you it shouldn't mean an automatic fine as its not always black and white. Ie, you might have given someone your spare bags and on way home

Sometimes dogs do more poops than usual, people lend bags to other dog owners or genuinely forget. In my case when this happens, I will go home and return with dog bags or retrieve a suitable container from the rubbish bin.

Might run out of bags during a walk. Might lose or forget bags

I agree but I think you need to have justifiable reasons to ask for evidence. Not just stop every dog owner.

It's not possible in every single case by everyone with a dog to have a bag. For whatever reason they may not have a bag at that time for any number of reasons.

NO COMMENT

Concerned that a bag etc had already been used. It's easy to make a mistake or forget, especially the elderly. Dog wardens should carry bags to give a person in an emergency.

You must clean up your own dogs faeces but not asked to clean up anothers or asked personal questions

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As before.

I think this will lead to unnecessary confrontations with people whose dog may have already pooped and been cleaned up. The town PSPOs are already contentious with lots of bad stories on Facebook about intimidation.