

**Other useful numbers**

Dog Wardens 01324 504981

Litter hotline 01324 504433

Special uplift requests 01324 504411

**One Stop Shops**

Bo'ness 01506 778899

Falkirk Callendar Square 01324 506868

Camelon 01324 503640

Denny 01324 504050

Grangemouth 01324 504550

Stenhousemuir 01324 503340



**Falkirk Council**

*Corporate & Commercial Services*

Director: Stuart Ritchie  
Municipal Buildings, Falkirk FK1 5RS  
e-mail: [contactcentre@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:contactcentre@falkirk.gov.uk)  
[www.falkirk.gov.uk/litterzone](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/litterzone)

# Dog Ownership - The Law Explained



## Help Falkirk Council to keep streets, pathways and parklands free of dog fouling.

### Falling Foul of the Law

- Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003: - This Act makes it an offence for any person in charge of a dog not to immediately pick up and dispose of its fouling in an appropriate manner.
- This applies to all public places including
  - Children’s play areas
  - Pavements, footpaths and roads
  - Pedestrian precincts
  - All grass verges
  - Parks and other recreational areas
  - Canal footpaths and cycle ways
  - Common areas such as drying greens, backcourts and stair closes
- Failure to clean up may result in the issue of a fixed penalty notice. The fixed penalty is currently £40\* and rises to £60\* if not paid within 28 days. (\*Subject to change)
- Offenders can also be reported to the Procurator Fiscal and may be fined up to £500 if convicted
- Falkirk Council operate a zero tolerance policy and anyone witnessed by two officers failing to immediately pick up will either be issued with a penalty or reported to the Procurator Fiscal

- Enforcement officers target areas where it is known that dog owners are not picking up and patrols are also carried out in response to complaints from members of the community

- Dogs may also foul in private garden ground. In these circumstances the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 does not apply, however Section 49 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 may apply. This section is entitled “Dangerous and Annoying Creatures” and enables any person suffering annoyance to apply for an order against the owner of the dog. Application forms to request a hearing are available from the District Court, West



Bridge Street, Falkirk. Further information is available by contacting Environmental Health on 01324 504982.

### What information do we need?

- When our officers are programming their patrols information from the public can assist in targetting our resources most effectively
- If you are contacting us to report instances of dog fouling it would be helpful if you let us know of the specific location and times when offences are regularly being committed

### Other information

An offender who fails to provide their name and address when asked to by an authorised officer commits a further offence and will be reported to the Police for further action

Under the Control of Dogs Order 1992 all dogs must wear a collar and identity disc with the name and address of the owner.

Any unattended dog in a public place is regarded as a stray dog and is liable to be picked up and taken to the Stray Dog Kennels, Bandeath, Throsk, Stirling. The minimum fee for retrieving a dog from the kennel is currently £25.00\* if reclaimed on the first day. Additional charges are applied if the dog is not reclaimed on the first day.

Falkirk Council recognises that the majority of dog owners already clean up after their dogs. It is our policy to deal with the minority that do not.

\* subject to change

