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Stoop and Scoop



Pet owners in the City of Peterborough are reminded that it is their responsibility to “stoop and scoop” their pet waste.

The City of Peterborough's Animal Control By-law, Chapter 192, Article 6, Section 192.6.1 requires that dog waste be removed from any property within the City, other than the property of the owner. This by-law is enforced by the Peterborough Humane Society and failing to “stoop and scoop” may result in a \$105.00 fine.

Removing dog waste is responsible; it ensures that sidewalks, parks and green spaces are cleaner for all citizens.

Pet excrement is a health hazard. Leaving your dog's waste in areas where children play exposes kids to parasites such as roundworms, as well as bacterial infections. Dog waste can also transmit diseases to other pets.

Spring run-off or heavy rainstorms dilute dog waste and wash it into streams and storm sewers, contributing to the bacterial content, polluting beaches and waterways and degrading the natural environment for fish, wildlife and people.

Pet owners are asked to use a bag or a shovel to pick up the waste and deposit in a public trash receptacle or take it home for disposal. For home disposal, please double bag your pet waste and ensure that it does not exceed 25% of the volume of the garbage bag.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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