

## Reminder

Mandatory microchipping of dogs is planned to take effect across Tasmania from 1 July 2011. From that date, all dogs over six months of age have to be microchipped.

After 1 July 2011, if your dog is not microchipped and strays or is lost, the council may microchip it, and recover the cost, before returning it to you.

For more information about dog microchipping please visit the Department of Premier and Cabinet website

[http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/lgd/dog\\_control](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/lgd/dog_control)

or call the Circular Head Council on 64524800.



*Please be thoughtful of others  
and make sure you clean up  
after your dog.*



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# PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET



## What is the problem?

The community has increasingly expressed concern about the amount of dog droppings in streets, parks, and other public places.

Not only is this unpleasant and unhealthy, it is also illegal not to pick up after your pet.

A single gram of dog dropping has an average of 23 million faecal coliform bacteria, some of which can make people sick.

As a dog owner, you are legally responsible for cleaning up after your pet.

If you don't clean up after your dog in a public area, not only do you develop a poor reputation you may also be fined \$120.

## What can you do?

Doing your bit to keep our streets and public places clean is as simple as carrying a plastic bag when walking your dog, bag it then bin it (don't forget to wash your hands afterwards!).

When you dispose of dog droppings make sure they are in a carefully sealed or tied plastic bag to avoid spillage during collection.

Commercial "scoopers" can also be purchased to make proper disposal even easier. Some are disposable and come with biodegradable, sealable bags. Check your nearest pet store or catalogue.

Encourage your neighbours and other pet owners to be responsible; it's not hard, and it's an important part of the responsibility you have of owning a pet.



## Questions?

For more information about the collection of dog droppings or dog control please visit the Circular Head Council website [www.circularhead.tas.gov.au](http://www.circularhead.tas.gov.au) or contact Council on 6452 4800.

