

Dog poo in public places carries a risk of **disease** and **infection**

+ Dog poo can infect people (especially children) with:

- Worms from contact with the egg
- Bacterial infections
- Protozoan infections (germs that breed in moisture)

All can cause significant illness

+ Diseases your dog or others can contract from infected poos are:

- Canine parvovirus
- Canine hepatitis
- Distemper
- Canine gastroenteritis
- Bacterial and viral infections

Most are highly contagious and often fatal (especially for pups). If the poo isn't picked up and breaks down in the soil, some of these diseases can be present in that soil for up to **two years**.



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Facts everyone needs to know

Learn how to deal with dog poo at home & in our community



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What you can do?

- **Vaccinate your dog**
- **Worm your dog**
- **Clean up after your dog**

Poo pouches are available on the back of bins in many locations around the city, however a plastic shopping bag or similar works just as well!



1. Pull the handles away from the dispenser & rip off the bag



2. Pull the bag over your hand, pick up waste & reverse the bag



3. Tie the bag in a knot, carry by the handles & place in the nearest bin

Dealing with dog poo at home

- **Bury in the garden:** dig a hole, add poo, cover with soil & repeat. Avoid burials in one spot
- **Worm farm:** create a worm farm solely for dog poo - worms can even take care of dog hair
- **Compost:** check out special composting bins online or add to your existing compost bin

Do not handle dog poo with bare hands, use a spade or gloves

Do not put dog waste compost/worm castings on or near edible vegetables, herbs or food gardens



Be considerate and follow our local laws

Dog owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs and we encourage you to carry your own poo bags.

Although cleaning up is not a pleasant task, it helps to prevent the spread of diseases or a potential ban of dogs in public places.

Failure to pick up after your dog in public may result in a **fine of \$100**.

