

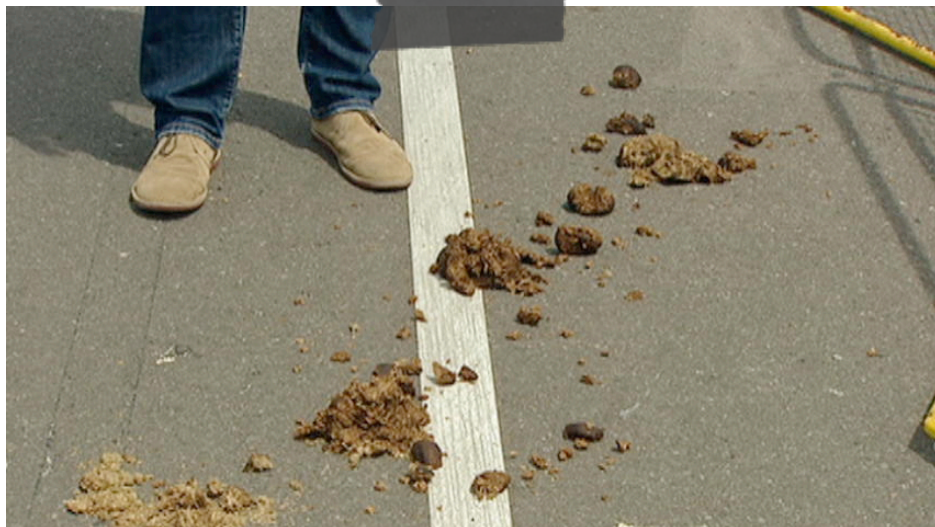
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

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Why don't people pick up after their pets? NYC is a place filled with culture & history & it attracts millions of tourists each year. So, imagine the impression a tourist gets when they walk around and see or step in dog poop.

The law is called "The Pooper Scooper law". There is a law for cleaning up after your dogs. There is a fine for it. First the fine was \$150 then they raised it to \$250 then they are going to raise it to \$1,000.

This is a big health issue for people, who can get sick, because it contains "disease-causing bacteria" including E.coli, salmonella and giardia. Various reasons you should pick up your dog's poops are: Giardia; Large Round worms; Hook Worms; Cryptosporidiosis; Tapeworms; and it's an environmental pollutant.



What would you do if you saw a person who did not clean up their dog's poop? I read a story that someone saw a person who threw the poop at the owner who didn't pick up after his or her dog. Another article I read said that the fines people can receive from a police ticket have increased, but the number of tickets went down. The spokesman for the Department of Sanitation stated, "This summons is among the most difficult for the department to write, since our agents must see the dog owner walk away from their dog's waste." So what is the right answer?



What can you do?

If people see someone leave their dog's poop on the ground, you should tell them to clean it up. If they don't listen, tell the nearest police officer if you see one near by. It is hard to enforce pooper scooper laws because a police officer or sanitation worker would need to see a person leave their dog's poop on the street. But if you see something, you can say something.

So, the next time you take your pet outside, bring a bag with you, and take responsibility for picking up after your dog. It has benefits for all of us, including you and your dog! And of course, it's the law!

