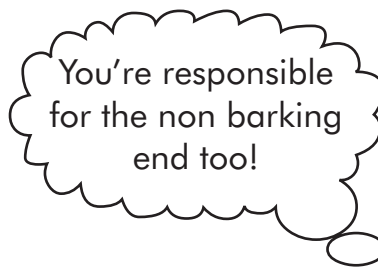




# responsible **DOG OWNERSHIP**



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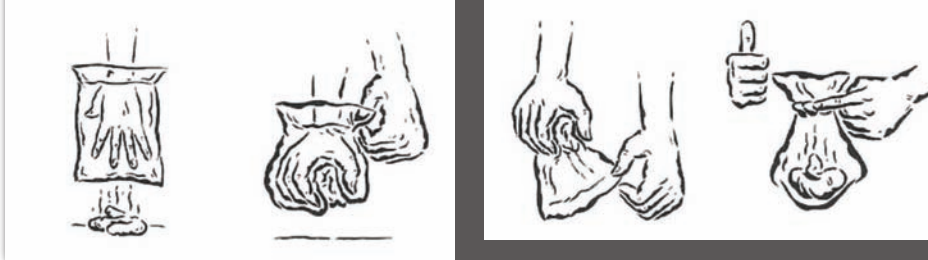
**CLEAN AND GREEN STREETS**

## DOG FOULING

As well as being unpleasant, anti-social and unsightly, dog mess spreads disease. It can cause infection or blindness. It is the duty of every dog owner or walker to clean up after their dog: rain will not wash away the problem.

- It is now an offence not to remove dog faeces deposited on parks, open spaces, roads, pavements, and footpaths (public/Council land) in the borough - even if there are no warning signs or waste bins in the area.
- The Council will be issuing fixed penalty notices of £80 to those caught not clearing up after their dog. The maximum penalty for not doing so is a fine of £1000.
- It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions or that you didn't have anything to pick it up with.

### BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER – BAG IT AND BIN IT



### And remember...

- Don't let your dog out alone.
- Take a plastic bag or poop scoop with you when walking a dog, like you would a lead.
- Clean up the mess immediately.
- Tie the bag and dispose of it in a bin, or take it home.
- Be aware of the dog free areas in the Borough's Parks and Open Spaces.

Thank you for helping to make the borough a greener, cleaner and safer place to live.

**CONTACT US** for more information, to report a dog fouling incident or if you need this leaflet in Braille, large print, audio tape or another language:

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