

Handling Dog Waste

It is against the law to allow animals to trespass on, destroy or damage another person's property. County Code concerning dog poop, pet waste: "The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public areas ("pooper scooper" regulation). " (County Code Section 41-1-2, Sect. 108-5-2 and Sect. 41-2-6)

The county law requiring pet owners to pick up waste on public or another's private property is unfortunately too often being disregarded. Pet owners are asked to please do their part to keep the environment healthy and clean. Many pet owners already do this, and on behalf of the entire community, we thank you and encourage you to keep up the good work.

The Conservancy has authorized the County Animal Warden to enter Burke Centre property to enforce all animal regulations to preserve the health and safety of the community at large. Violations of these animal regulations may result in a fine ranging from up to \$250 to up to \$2,500 depending on the class misdemeanor. Please be courteous to your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

When to contact Fairfax County?

Contact Fairfax County to report individuals to fail to pick up their pet waste and enforce the "Pooper Scooper" Regulation. (County Code Section 41-1-2, Sect. 108-5-2 and Sect. 41-2-6)

What the Conservancy can do?

At the Conservancy we can assist in notifying residents by publishing notices on our mobile app, social media, web site and placing an article in the Conservator and/or sending a mailing to your cluster as a reminder to residents.

We can also assist clusters through the process when considering the placement of dog waste stations in the cluster common area. Note that a cluster plan will be needed for ensuring regular maintenance of pet waste stations.