



# TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK

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## DOG OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Health and residents of South Brunswick are concerned about the health and safety of our town. This is a reminder to all residents about the responsibilities of Dog owners to keep South Brunswick a clean and healthy place to live. One important concern, which can affect an entire neighborhood, is pet owners who do not clean up after their animals.

South Brunswick Code Section #14-49 requires dog owners to:

“Immediately remove all feces deposited by the dog and to dispose of the feces in a sanitary method” and “Failure to do so could result in fines up to \$1,250” for each occurrence.

Accumulated dog feces on private, public, and school properties creates a nuisance by attracting flies, rodents, and presents a health hazard to unsuspecting people. Special concern must be shown for areas where our children play. Transmission of various bacterial and viral diseases has been documented through children’s contact with dog feces. Anyone who has removed it from their shoes will know the unpleasant consequences of careless pet owners.

We urge you to do your part in controlling your pet, cleaning up after it immediately, and properly disposing of feces. Your cooperation can help prevent disease and make life a little more pleasant for everyone and maintain a healthy environment for all.

### HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

- \* Get in the habit of carrying a small paper or plastic bag and scoop when you walk your dog.
- \* Get your dog used to defecating in your yard where cleanup is more controllable.
- \* Properly dispose of feces in a sanitary manor by placing in the trash.
- \* Never throw feces in the woods or down a street storm drain.
- \* Let people know of their responsibilities if observed defiling others properties.
- \* Be willing to **sign a complaint if you witness repeat offenders not picking up after their dog.**

### ALSO

*Dogs are not allowed to roam free in public and must always be on a leash when walked  
Any incident of a dog biting a person must be reported to the Health Dept. immediately  
Persistent unprovoked barking for >10 minutes non-stop or 30 mins. intermittently is prohibited  
Be sure your dog is licensed and currently vaccinated for Rabies*

Contact the Health Department if you have any questions or need assistance with a problem

BE AWARE AND CONCERNED  
THE HEALTH OF YOUR COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON IT!  
SOUTH BRUNSWICK BOARD OF HEALTH