

Introduce HG

Representing NFDOG in place of Pauline Ludlow, Chairman – not in good health at present but still leading our cause

Hopefully – already looked at sheet telling you about NFDOG so won't waste time

Following several meetings – agreed joint venture with NFNPA & FC

We have agreed actions on a number of perceived dog related problems and have picked the most obvious for a campaign:

“Working with the Community to minimise the nuisance of dog ‘poo’”

The major problem, we have all seen, and no-one likes = dog ‘poo’ over the Forest

It is worst around car parks and picnic areas

Other related problems include

- ‘poo’ on Forest paths & tracks
- Bags hanging in bushes
- Not enough bins
- Bins not cleared often enough
- Disinclination to carry full ‘poo’ bags home
- Holidaying dog owners with no sensitivity to the Forest

The solution is not simple, and needs to be based on education, since it is not a thing that can be constantly policed.

This will be tackled through:

- Leaflets – draft available to look at – to be used strategically
- Posters
- Formal launch & Press release at NF Show
- Publish on websites & obtain links from others
- Introduce at different meetings
- Rangers to target ‘honey-pot’ car parks
- Involve schools & children – might even run a competition for poster

We are working to introduce a ‘Best Practice’ approach

Nobody really likes picking up 'poo' so if we can encourage dog owners not to hang around car parks but to get out and away quickly the nuisance should lessen

Do's and Don't are:

- Do
 - Keep dogs in car until ready to walk
 - Keep your dogs under close control (on lead if necessary) until well away from the car park / picnic area
 - Watch dogs closely so you see if they do perform
 - Pick up and bag around car parks / picnic areas / cricket pitches etc.
 - Bin it where you can
 - Stick & Flick it off paths – so it goes somewhere that people don't walk
- Don't
 - Leave bags full of 'poo' around the Forest
 - Stick & Flick 'poo' where people might walk
 - Be embarrassed to 'spread the message'

I think you can all help in this effort. How?

- Raise the problem in meetings
- Talk about it with friends who have dogs
- Feedback to us about the campaign – (website & email details on handouts)
- Give us other ideas for promotion
- Is there a local school you could involve?
- Can you offer us a link from your website?

There is a draft wording of the leaflet available as you leave – if you have an interest in what we are doing.

Would like to round off by saying:

NFDOG would like to become a pro-active organisation, helping towards the future.

If we can be pro-active instead of re-active, then we can, perhaps, help shape things in the forest and so obviate the need to find ourselves having to fight again

We stand for Responsible Dog Ownership

Many thanks

Any questions?