

BE AWARE OF THE IMPACT YOUR DOG HAS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Some scary statistics:

32,000,000 *E. coli* bacteria are found in 1 gram of dog faeces. This is ± 6 times the amount of *E. coli* found in 1 gram of human faeces (5,000,000).

40,000,000 Enterococci bacteria are found in 1 gram of dog faeces. This is 250 times the amount found in 1 gram of human faeces (160,000).

The amount of microbes found in one pile of dog faeces is equivalent to 7000 piles of bird faeces.

Bacteria and viruses that include tapeworm, roundworm, *E. coli* and salmonella can be transmitted by contact with dog faeces.

Contact with dog faeces can lead to diseases such as salmonellosis and toxocarsis. These may cause stomach cramps, fever, coughing or wheezing, hives, and even permanent vision damage.

Did you know?

The African Black Oystercatcher is categorized as 'Near Threatened' on the IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species.

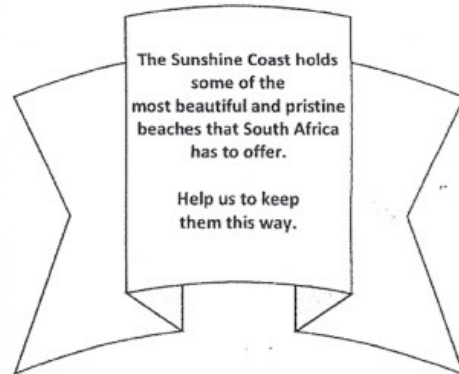
Uncontrolled dogs are largely responsible for the decline in their numbers because they:

- destroy nesting sites in the sand and eat their eggs
- force fledglings to hide in gulleys where they often drown
- increase stress levels which has an adverse effect on reproduction



A recent survey on the beaches in the Ndlambe area over a 1 month period showed that:

- 87% of dogs were not on leashes
- 5% of owners remove their dogs' faeces
- 37% of dogs were a nuisance to wildlife
- 14% of dogs were a nuisance to other beach visitors



TAKE YOUR DOG TO THE BEACH RESPONSIBLY



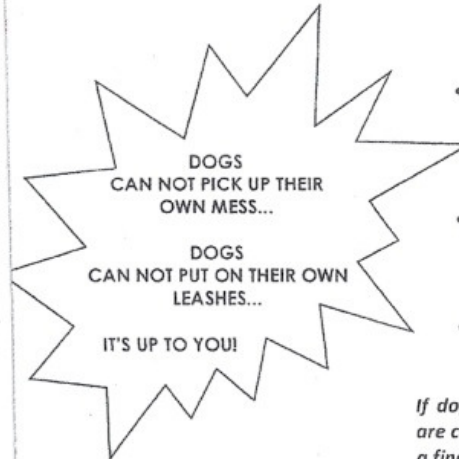
Dog owners' legal responsibilities

According to Ndlambe Municipality's:-

Prevention of Public Nuisances and Keeping of Animals By-Law Chapter 3, Section 19 & 20 and Public Amenities By-Law, Chapter 1, Section 11

- A dog is not allowed in public areas (including beaches) unless it is on a leash and under the control of a responsible person.
- Owners must remove any faeces left by their dog by wrapping it up in plastic or paper and placing it in bins/ receptacles provided.
- Owners must prohibit their dogs from being a nuisance or disturbing the peace of other visitors and wildlife.
- Owners must obey any prohibitions displayed on sign boards.

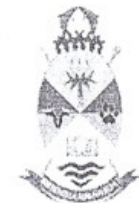
If dog owners do not abide by these by-laws, they are committing a legal offence and may be subject to a fine.



Ndlambe Municipality appeals to the community to help reduce the impacts their dogs have on the environment by:

- * keeping your dogs on leashes at all times.
- * ensuring that you have plastic or paper bags to pick up your dog's poop.
- * keeping your dogs out of lifeguard patrolled areas and other demarcated no-dog areas.
- * keeping your dogs under control at all times ensuring they do not bother other visitors, the wildlife nor the vegetation.

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