

## 56908 Dog Fouling and Dog-Related Issues in Public Parks

I am writing to request the following information regarding dog fouling and dog-related issues within your local authority area, covering the most recent full calendar year (or the latest data available):

### General Area Data:

The number of fines issued for dog fouling offences.

Two Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for 'Dog Fouling' offences in 2024.

The total number of dog-fouling-related complaints received.

We hold two separate databases with records of such complaints.

One database records 1,971 such complaints in 2024.

The other database records 666 such complaints in 2024.

The number of dedicated dog waste bins is currently provided by the council.

None. We do not provide bins specifically for dog waste, all our litter bins across the city take all waste.

### Park-Specific Data:

A list of public parks managed by the council.

This is available through the following website:

<https://www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk/parks>

For each park:

- a. The number of dog-related complaints received.

Of the 1,971 'Dog Fouling' complaint records held in 2024 where individual parks are named, please refer to the table below. The category of "Unknown" covers requests where the word "park" was mentioned but it is not possible to identify the park in question. These figures are from one database only and only relate to 'Dog Fouling'.

Abercorn Park	1
Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	1
Buttercup Farm Park	4
Coalie Park	1
East Pilton Park	1
George V Park	1
Gyle Park	1
Keddie Park	1

Marine Drive	1
Merchiston Park	1
Mill Lane Park	1
Montgomery Street Park	6
Murieston Park	1
Prestonfield Park	1
Ravelston Park	1
Rosefield Park	1
Sheriff Brae Park	1
Sighthill Park	1
Unknown	14
Victoria Park	2

In addition to the 1,971 'Dog Fouling' complaints recorded on one database; there are a further 666 'Dog Fouling' complaints and 385 'Control of Dogs' complaints recorded on another database. Unfortunately, the second database cannot search for and extract data on complaints which relate to a park. A manual search of each of the 1,031 additional records would be required.

This part of the request falls into the category of a "manifestly unreasonable" request under regulation 10(4)(b) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations and we are not obliged to respond.

Of those, how many are specifically related to dog fouling?

The central data we are able to provide is included in the table provided above.

Which park received:

- a. The highest number of dog-related complaints.

Based on the central data we are able to provide, included in the table provided above, Montgomery Street Park ('Dog Fouling' only - 2024).

- b. The lowest number of dog-related complaints.

Excluding parks where no 'Dog Fouling' complaints were received, and based on the central data we are able to provide, included in the table provided above, the parks with one complaint received are included in this table.