

Task/Operation:	GENERIC : Clearance of Litter and Dog Waste		
Group(s) affected:	Staff (S), Volunteers (V)		
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KEY	S = STAFF / V = VOLUNTEERS		

Reviews			
Next Review Required	Date actually reviewed	Changes Required? (Yes/No)	Assessor Signature
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Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	Before control			State control measures and person responsible to action each one	After control		
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Physical contact with waste and dog faeces	Disease / infection	2	2	4	Litter should not be handled with bare hands. Appropriate PPE must be worn. Waste and gloves to be disposed of in an appropriate manner. Ensure cuts are adequately covered / protected. Do not put hands near eyes / mouth. Volunteers and children should not be involved with the collection of dog faeces. Practice good hygiene – wash hands as soon as possible. Welfare facilities to be carried include wipes, water, paper towels. Seek medical advice if faeces come into	1	1	1

Emptying litter bins (general litter) and dog bins	Disease / infection / blindness	2	2	4	<p>contact with broken skin, eyes or enter the body orally. First aid kit to be carried. First aider present when working with volunteers. Radio &/or mobile telephone carried.</p> <p>Bags to be placed in all litter bins to minimise direct physical handling / contact with litter / faeces. Staff should not put their hands inside litter bins. When removing a bin bag ensure that it is replaced immediately with a new one. Bins should be emptied frequently. Bags should be carried in open back and not inside vehicle.</p>	1	2	2
Picking litter from the ground (general litter)	Disease / infection	2	2	4	<p>Litter picker stick, or brush and pan, to be used instead of hands for small items. For larger items wear protective gloves.</p>	1	2	2
Glass, hypodermic needles, blade items and other such hazardous / sharp litter AND/OR offensive litter such as condoms and other potentially infected material	Disease / infection Scratches, cuts	2	3	6	<p>Protective gloves must be worn Litter picker stick must be used. Do not use hands. Medically approved "sharps" container to be carried and used . If skin is cut or pierced accidentally by potentially infected material, wash thoroughly with clean water and approved wipes and seek medical advice immediately. Dispose of wipes in appropriate way. Staff to ensure that they have current anti-</p>	1	2	2

<p>Insects</p>	<p>Bites and stings. Anaphylactic shock.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>tetanus protection is up to date. Staff to consider the need for Hepatitis B vaccinations. When dealing with hypodermic needles, refer to GCP22 (Discarded hypodermic needles in the work place). Sharps boxes in vehicles must be strapped down. Sharps boxes to be sent to an approved place for incineration.</p> <p>Empty bins regularly. Staff to be aware of those with severe allergic reactions, who should not be emptying bins during the at-risk period.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Volunteers and/or Children under 16</p>	<p>Lack of awareness of hazards / procedures – leading to any of the resultant effects listed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Health and safety talk / tool talk and close supervision throughout. Choose site carefully and carry out pre-work site check. Volunteers - refer to relevant codes of practice and generic risk assessment. Children – activity must fulfil conditions listed in ESCoP E1 (dealing with litter). Also, refer to other relevant codes of practice and generic risk assessment.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Hazardous vegetation</p>	<p>Cuts, grazes, puncture wounds to skin and eyes. Infection. Rashes, burns. Allergies – discomfort - anaphylactic shock.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Identify hazardous vegetation and avoid if possible. Wear appropriate PPE.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>2</p>

Cleaning dog faeces from ground	Disease / infection – could lead to severe eye infection – even blindness	2	2	4	Use shovel to lift from ground or poop scoop bag and dispose of appropriately. Poop scoop bags available at Visitor Centre.	1	2	2
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This Assessment is not exhaustive and Management must ensure that work not covered by this Risk Assessment should only be undertaken after a suitable Risk Assessment has been made. Some activities should only be carried out in conjunction with a written safe system of work. The risk ratings in this assessment are established on the basis that the control measures are in place.