

?Poop and scoop? principle should apply to horse owners too!

Dear editor:

Originally sent to: Mayor Ed Crewson & Town ByLaw Enforcement Officer

Our town has a Poop & Scoop bylaw requiring owners to clean up after their animals.

Many of us in the William & Robert Street area enjoy walking our dogs in the Fairground Park and are responsible owners. We pick up after our pets. A few more garbage containers in the park would be nice, but that is another issue.

Have you been over to the park since the Fall Fair?

It is now difficult to walk my puppy and let him & his friend run and play off leash now because of all the horse 'droppings' strewn throughout the park.

We are now looking everywhere to make sure our dogs do not run over to a pile of horse crap. This, along with a fair amount of garbage still left around, makes our former enjoyable walks a constant vigil to make sure my young puppy is not getting into or picking up something he shouldn't.

Why didn't the town ensure the animal owners that were at the fair cleaned up after themselves, before they left?

While I'm on the subject, another instance of owners not picking up after their animals occurred a couple months back at the Foodland Plaza.

A Mennonite buggy with two horses was parked at the east side of the plaza when both horses took a dump. The owner did not pick it up, instead just rode away. The two piles remained there for over a week, despite a compost bin that sits less than 50 feet away. This should have made the pick up and disposal easy for the owners of the animals.

Let's make a walk in the park an enjoyable experience for all.

Not an obstacle course of possible hazards to keep our pets out of.

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