

March 26, 1982

To the City Council:

For 16 months, I lived in Denmark. During that time, I hardly ever saw a dog running loose or dog feces in the streets, sidewalks or yards.

Since Feb. 17, 1982, I have been living in Cambridge. One of the first things I noticed here, especially on my street, Union Street, was large amounts of dog feces on the sidewalks and in my yard. I step in the stuff and my 4 year old and 10 year old boys do, too. It is hard to get it off your shoes, you track it into your home where it smells to high heaven and it's very unsightly.

Also, as the weather becomes warmer, these dogs will pose more and more of a biting danger to children.

I understand there is only one dog officer for the whole of Cambridge. This is inadequate and the Animal Commission staff should be increased. The added cost of this should be gotten from the dog owners, in some way. I also suggest a "pooper-scooper" type law as we shouldn't have dog feces in the street either. Pedestrians have to walk across streets, too.

Sincerely
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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Barry Q. White, 36 Union Street, Re: increasing the Animal Commission staff to deal with various problems created by animals running loose.

In City Council,

April 5, 1982

4/5/82

Refer to the

City Manager

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