



## Handy Tips

- **BRING IT** – Always bring a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Put bags in the car or tie them to the leash so you'll always be prepared.
- **BAG IT** – Use the bag as a glove to pick up the dog waste. Scoop it up and turn the bag inside out around the waste. Always remember to pick up after your pet in your yard.
- **TRASH IT** – Properly dispose of dog waste by putting it in your household trash. Never throw dog waste down a storm drain or throw your bags into the woods.
- **EDUCATE OTHERS** – Talk to your family and friends about picking up after their pets too.

[Thank you](#) for helping keep the Spruce Creek Watershed free of contaminants. We appreciate you doing your part and cleaning up after your pet. Tell others to do the same!

## Spruce Creek Watershed Restoration Project – Phase V

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### Have Questions? Contact Us!

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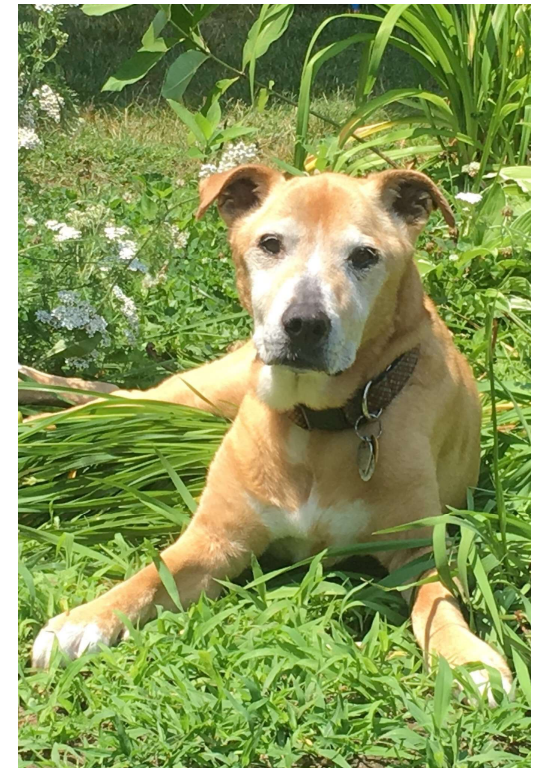
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**THERE IS  
NO POOP  
FAIRY?!**

*Responsible Pet Ownership  
Helps Protect the Spruce  
Creek Watershed*

# What's So Bad About Pet Waste?

## Pet Waste Can Contain:

- E. coli
- Salmonella
- Giardia
- Cryptosporidium
- Roundworms and Hookworms
- Nutrients (i.e. nitrogen)

## Did you know that when it rains it pollutes? It all starts in your neighborhood.

Every time it rains, water runs off the land as stormwater. As it flows over rooftops, lawns, driveways and streets, stormwater picks up pollutants and debris such as dirt, motor oil, fertilizer, litter and pet waste. All of these pollutants are carried by stormwater into storm drains and drainage ditches, which flow untreated into our rivers, lakes and streams.

When you fail to clean up after your pet, the waste does not just go away or fertilize the grass. The nutrients and bacteria in pet waste can be carried by stormwater into nearby waterbodies, creating a health hazard for people and making it unsafe to harvest shellfish.

## What does “doo” do?

- A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which cause diseases in humans.
- Waters that contain high levels of bacteria and other pathogens from animal waste are unfit for human contact.
- As pet waste decays, it uses up oxygen that fish and aquatic life need.
- Pet waste contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae growth in a river or lake, upsetting the natural balance.

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*Managing dog waste properly is something easy that everyone can do to make a difference in the water quality of Spruce Creek.*

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There are over 1,000 licensed dogs in the Town of Kittery. The average dog produces about  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound of solid waste a day, generating over 7 billion fecal coliform bacteria daily!

# Be the Solution to Water Pollution!

Picking up after your pet is part of being a responsible owner. Doing the right thing is easy! It only takes a minute to pick up after your pet every time you take them out and to dispose of the waste responsibly.

Protecting our neighborhood streams and wetlands begins at home. By picking up after your pet, you are preventing pollution and protecting human health and the plants and animals that depend on clean water.

