

KNOW BEFORE THEY GO:

A GUIDE TO PET WASTE CLEANUP

WHY IT MATTERS.

Did you know pet waste is a form of water pollution? Pet waste getting into our water supply is a health risk to animals and people. If it is washed into our storm drains from nearby trails and green spaces, the bacteria can end up hurting fish and aquatic life in our rivers, lakes and streams. It can also cause algae growth that can continue to damage the environment.

Unless properly taken care of, the waste enters our water with no treatment, transferring harmful pathogens into the water we drink, bathe and cook with and causing sickness.

DID YOU KNOW?

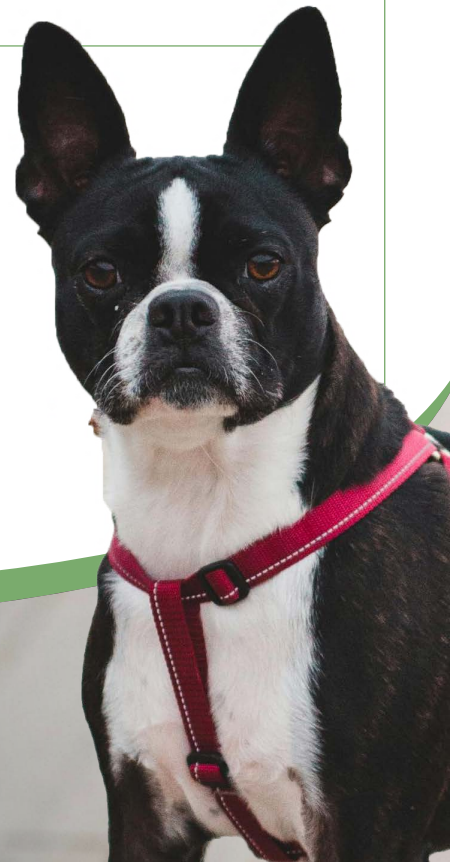
- One gram of dog waste can contain up to 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which cause serious health problems for humans!
- Ten million tons of dog waste is produced each year.
- The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that just two to three days' worth of waste from only 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close all watershed areas for fish swimming within a 20-mile radius.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that dog droppings can transmit various parasites to humans and can live in the soil for years.
- Sources of water pollution, like industrial waste from factories, have been greatly reduced in recent years. **Now, more than 60% of water pollution comes from things like runoff, fertilizer from farms and gardens, and pet waste.**

DON'T FORGET TO SCOOP.

- Always make it a priority to pick up the waste your dog produces.
- Seal the waste in a plastic bag and throw it in the garbage.

Little changes go a long way. Help keep Greenwood clean, and don't forget to scoop poop.

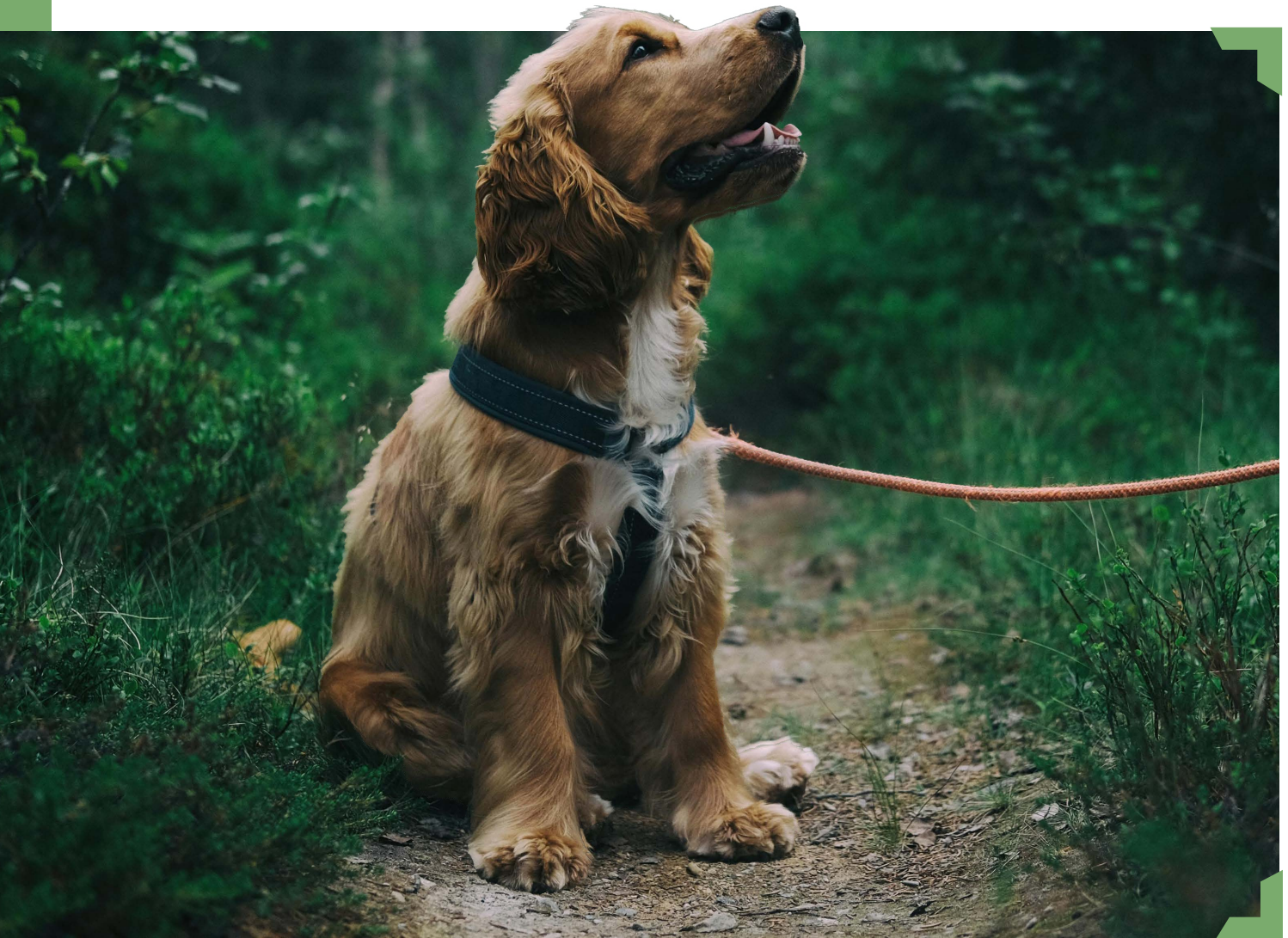
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Did you know pet waste is a form of water pollution? Pet waste that is not picked up from local trails and green spaces can filter into our storm drains, ending up in our rivers, lakes, and streams. The harmful bacteria can have serious health implications for pets and people as well as creating algae within our aquatic resources.



**Do your part in keeping Greenwood clean.
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