

## Additional Resources

### **Article—*Dog Waste Poses Threat to Water*, USA Today**

This article highlights the growing problem of dog waste in the United States. It gives general science behind the discovery of dog waste as a water pollutant and potential health risk to humans. A few examples of what some communities are doing to prevent pet waste from polluting water bodies are also included. <http://usatoday.com/news/science/2002-06-07-dog-usat.htm>

### **Bulletin—*Source Water Protection Practices: Managing Pet and Wildlife Waste to Prevent Contamination of Drinking Water*, US Environmental Protection Agency**

This bulletin begins by providing an overview of the problem of wildlife and pet waste pollution to water bodies. It provides descriptions of specific health problems from pet and wildlife in the water, including detail on the types of pathogens and parasites the waste can carry. Suggestions for managing and preventing the waste from affecting water quality are given for both pets and wildlife. [www.epa.gov/safewater/sourcewater/pubs/fs\\_swpp\\_petwaste.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/sourcewater/pubs/fs_swpp_petwaste.pdf)

### **Fact Sheet—*Pet Waste and Water Quality*, Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension**

This fact sheet provides a background of how pet waste can be a source of water pollution, and lists specific diseases that can be transmitted from pet waste to water. It also talks about what many municipalities are doing, what type of enforcement measures have been taken to prevent pollution, and measures individuals can take to keep pet waste out of water bodies. [www.rcre.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS922](http://www.rcre.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS922)

### **Fact Sheet—*Pollution Prevention: Animal Waste Collection*, National Stormwater Center**

This fact sheet provides information and links to the specific health threats from pet waste polluting a water body. It provides a summary with survey results of pet owners' attitudes towards cleaning up pet waste and the connection to water pollution, citing specific reasons for both cleaning up and not cleaning up pet waste. Solutions for public parks to manage pet waste with general information about effectiveness and cost are included. [www.stormwatercenter.net/Pollution\\_Prevention\\_Factsheets/AnimalWasteCollection.htm](http://www.stormwatercenter.net/Pollution_Prevention_Factsheets/AnimalWasteCollection.htm)

### **Pamphlet—*Pet Waste*, County of Santa Barbara, Calif.**

This pamphlet is designed to raise the citizens of Santa Barbara's awareness of pet waste and water pollution. It gives specific information on pet waste related pollution and health risks, and numerous solutions to barriers to cleaning up pet waste while on a walk, or while at home. Lastly, the pamphlet provides factual information to common pet waste myths. This can be applied to any community or city with pet waste issues. [www.countyofsb.org/project\\_cleanwater/Documents/2001\\_Dog.pdf](http://www.countyofsb.org/project_cleanwater/Documents/2001_Dog.pdf)

**Website—*Pet Waste Campaign, Snohomish County Public Works Department, Wash.***

This website contains information on how project partners implemented their pet waste campaign, including information and research on pet waste and example posters. It's also a nice example of a pet waste campaign website. [www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SWM/Services/Water\\_Pollution/Pet\\_Waste.htm](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SWM/Services/Water_Pollution/Pet_Waste.htm).

For more details on this campaign, contact Dave Ward, principal watershed steward for Snohomish County. His contact information can be found in the county directory at [www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SWM/About/Directory/](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SWM/About/Directory/)

**Website—*Fostering Sustainable Behavior, McKenzie-Mohr Associates***

This website provides information on social marketing, or using psychological principles to change behavior, and includes case studies, articles and downloadable reports. Most environment-related outreach programs are working towards a goal that requires people to change their behavior, such as picking up and disposing pet waste properly. According to Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr, environmental psychologist, numerous studies document that education alone often has little or no effect upon sustainable behavior. For more details visit [www.cbsm.com](http://www.cbsm.com).

**Dog waste removal products**

The following are some websites to give you ideas on the types of available products. (DES does not endorse these companies or products.)

**Dog Pick-up Bags**

- [www.bagsonboard.com](http://www.bagsonboard.com)
- [www.doortosummer.com/products/custombags.htm](http://www.doortosummer.com/products/custombags.htm)
- [www.islandtailwaggers.com/poop-bags.html](http://www.islandtailwaggers.com/poop-bags.html)

**Dog Poop Bag Dispenser**

- [www.dogpoopbags.com/dispensers.asp](http://www.dogpoopbags.com/dispensers.asp)

**Fixed/Permanent Stations**

- [www.yuckos.com/dogipot.html](http://www.yuckos.com/dogipot.html)