

# GET THE SCOOP on POOP



## Did You Know:

- ▶ Dog poop can transmit disease to other dogs and to humans.
- ▶ One ounce of dog feces contains about 23 million microorganisms of bacteria. Leaving it on the ground can spread Salmonella, E. coli, roundworms, hookworms and more to children & adults who share the grass.
- ▶ Unscooped dog poop washes off into waterways and provides nutrients (pollutants) that may cause algae blooms and fish kills. Stormwater runoff may contribute to your drinking water!
- ▶ Approximately 95% of the fecal coliform found in urban stormwater was nonhuman in origin. Pet waste contributes between 20 to 30% of the fecal coliform found in America's waters.
- ▶ Four in ten U.S. households have at least one dog. Pinellas County has approximately 185,000 dogs.
- ▶ Each dog produces between 1/3 to 3/4 pound of excrement per day.
- ▶ Pinellas County dogs generate between 31 and 69 tons of poop per day.
- ▶ Roughly 40% of Americans do not pick up their dog's feces. In Pinellas this means 12 to 28 tons of poop per day is left unscooped.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Please clean up after your pet and place waste in a trash receptacle.



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