

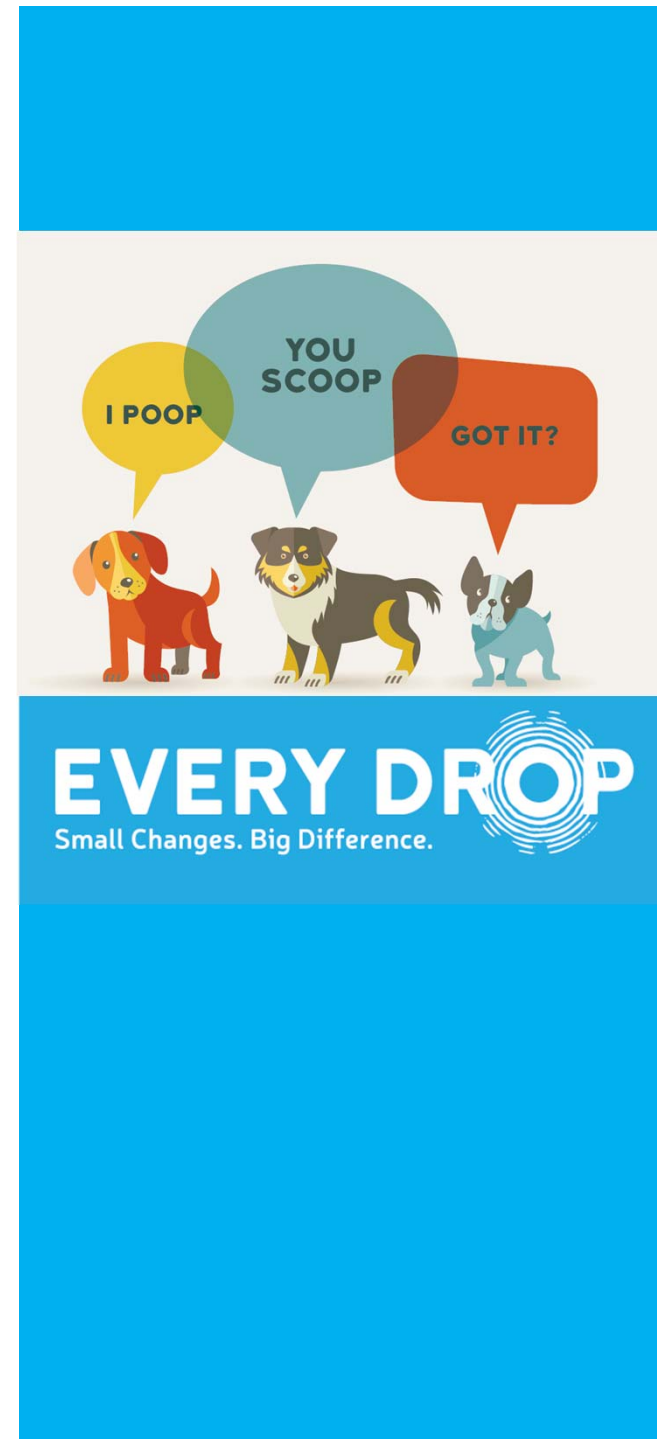
Many NH towns have over 1,000 dogs living in them, and each dog "goes" once or twice a day. That's a lot of poop! Not only is it gross when it's left around, but it can be dangerous. Harmful bacteria and parasites - such as Giardia or Salmonella - that lives in pet waste, can come in contact with other people and pets or wash into nearby waterways or storm drains.



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This outreach message helps our community meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stormwater permit requirements as part of the MS4 program



4 Small Changes That Make a Big Difference

1. Always carry a plastic bag when you walk your dog.
2. Always pick up that poop.
3. Always dispose of it in a trashcan.
4. **NEVER** put unbagged waste in a storm drain.



We love our dogs! But dog waste carries microorganisms that can make our waters unsafe for swimming and drinking. Picking it up can be a major benefit, particularly in paved areas, and near streams and lakes.

Picking up our dog's waste and throwing it out is a small change that can make a big difference in keeping our waters clean. Inform other pet owners of why picking up pet waste is important and encourage them to do so!

Town Code

§ 119-4. Duty to dispose of waste. It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk, street or other public area. It shall further be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/ her dog on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person.