

PET WASTE
IS A
LEADING
CAUSE OF
STORMWATER
POLLUTION

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STORMWATER

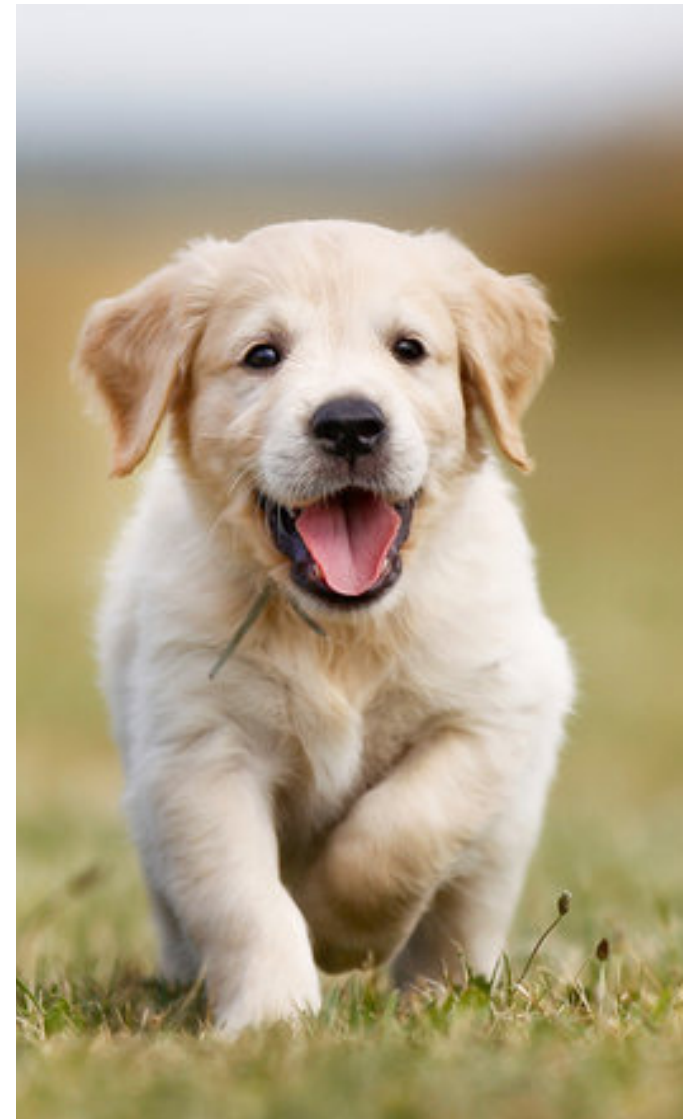
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*Best Management Practices for
Pet Owners*

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Dog waste contains bacteria that poses a health risk to humans and animals alike. When it rains or storms, stormwater runoff washes the waste down streets and into storm drains. From there, this pet waste, and all of the bacteria it carries flows directly into our local rivers, lakes, and streams- leaving them contaminated.

Gross, right?



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

CONTAIN IT

When walking or traveling with your pet, always carry a plastic bag. When your pet uses the restroom pick up the waste with the plastic bag, then dispose of it in the trashcan.

CLEAN WATER STARTS WITH YOU!

COVER IT

Another way to properly dispose of pet waste is to bury your pet's waste. If you choose this method, make sure to bury the waste at least five inches deep and away from vegetable gardens and waterways

FLUSH IT

Lastly, flushing pet waste is viable option to eliminate stormwater pollution. Flushing waste allows water to be treated eliminating the opportunity to contaminate local waterways.

