



SAVE OUR STREAMS FROM PET WASTE



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When our pets need to go, they need to go!

But so does their waste! We need to make sure to put it into the toilet or the trash. If we don't throw pet waste away the right way, it can make our families and communities sick.

Pet waste left on the ground seeps into our groundwater. It also gets picked up by stormwater runoff, flowing into our storm drains and then creeks. Pet waste contains bacteria that kills or harms the fish and macroinvertebrates in our creeks. Macroinvertebrates include flatworms, crayfish, snails, clams and insects, such as dragonflies. These "bugs" are an indicator of creek health.

Pet waste also contains nitrogen which, in excess, increases algae to harmful levels. The bacteria in pet waste is transmitted to other creatures -- including us! The bacteria in pet waste can cause diseases like Salmonella and Giardiasis.

Our volunteer Streamkeepers—your neighbors—visit and measure the health of the Tookany Creek and its tributaries. They have found that many local streams sometimes have high amounts of nitrogen.

Show your creek love by picking up after your dog!

Play your part in keeping our streams healthy.
Here are 4 ways you can cut back on pollution from pet waste:

- **Flush it away:** Flush pet waste down the toilet using flushable bags
- **Toss it:** Use biodegradable bags and dispose pet waste IN THE TRASH
- **Speak Up:** Talk to your neighbors and friends who own dogs! Tell them why it's important to pick up after our pets. Talk to your community leaders about installing dog waste bag-dispensing units in your community



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