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## Doo The Right Thing MARCH Social Media Posts

Date	Image	Caption
3/3/20		<p>This week is Professional Pet Sitters Week! The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (a nonprofit for professional pet sitters), offers a Pledge of Professional Conduct to support and encourage responsible pet ownership. This includes picking up the poo! To learn more, visit <a href="http://petsitters.org">petsitters.org</a>! @TheNAPPS</p> <p>#TongueOutTuesday #ProfessionalPetSittersWeek #PetSitting</p>
3/5/20		<p>These guys are wondering why you didn't pick up their poo!?</p> <p>#DYK that in a 2001 study that took place at a polluted stream in northern Virginia, used DNA analysis to find 42% of the controllable bacteria load in the water was from dog poo?</p> <p>To learn more about why it is important to pick up after your pet, go to <a href="http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste">dfwstormwater.com/petwaste</a>.</p> <p>#DogPoo #DooTheRightThing #ScoopThePoop</p> <p><i>(If you would like to read the study, go to:</i>  <a href="https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/ImplementationPlans/4mileip.pdf">https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/ImplementationPlans/4mileip.pdf</a><i>)</i></p>
3/7/20		<p>#DYK that dog poop can take up to one year to decompose naturally?? That's a long time for poo to pollute waterways! Pick up your dog's waste to decrease the chances of feces spreading disease in your local streams, rivers or lakes!</p> <p>Learn more at <a href="http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste">dfwstormwater.com/petwaste</a>.</p> <p>#DooTheRightThing #DogPoo #Pawrents</p>



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Leaving behind your dog's poo pollutes the ecosystem. When waste gets into our water, we are more likely to contract diseases.

Learn why it is important to pick up after your pet at [dfwstormwater.com/petwaste](http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste).

#DogLover #TongueOutTuesday #DooTheRightThing

3/12/20

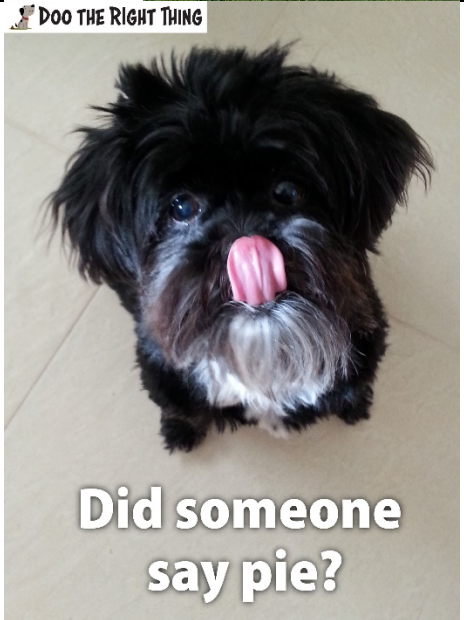


The only way you can compost your dog's poo is through a pet waste composter! You can create your own or buy one! Composting dog waste neutralizes enzymes and creates a byproduct that can be used as a manure or mulch on non-edible plants.

You can learn more on how to properly dispose of pet waste at [dfwstormwater.com/petwaste](http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste).

#DooTheRightThing #DogPoo #Composting

3/14/20



No, not the pie you can eat. March 14<sup>th</sup> is known as Pi Day (3.14). You can still make a pie in celebration, just make sure your little fluffball doesn't get to it! In case they do, pack some extra doggie bags for your next walk.

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#DooTheRightThing #PiDay #WeeklyFluff



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3/17/20

DOO THE RIGHT THING



Have you pledged to Doo the Right Thing yet? By going to our webpage, you can pledge to pick up after your dog when you go on a walk, pick up dog waste from your backyard on a regular schedule and dispose of your dog waste properly. In exchange for pledging, you will be able to share your dog's photo and enter to win a chance of being featured on our social media pages or on our next calendar! Go to [dfwstormwater.com/petwaste](http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste) to pledge today!

#DooTheRightThing #DogPhotography #DogFamous #TongueOutTuesday

3/19/20

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Spring has sprung! As you enjoy the first day of spring, be sure to grab your doggie bags when you leave for a walk!

Pet waste is high in nitrogen and phosphorous (as well as bacteria). When you leave it behind on walks or in your yard, it can runoff into our waterways. This can lead to the growth of algae blooms, eutrophication and fish kills.

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#DooTheRightThing #Spring #FirstDayOfSpring

3/21/20

REASON WHY YOU SHOULD PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG #8

### DOG WASTE CAN PUT HUMANS AT RISK



According to the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **humans can pick up diseases** when coming in contact with soil that has been infected with feces bacteria.

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Dog waste can spread diseases to humans though zoonoses! When infected dog poo is left on your lawn, eggs or parasites can stay in your soil for years! Whomever comes in contact with this soil, though gardening or walking barefoot, can contract diseases!

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#DooTheRightThing #DogPoo #Pawrents

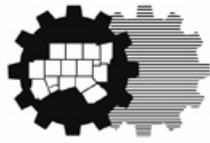
3/23/20






Today is National Puppy Day! Puppies take a lot of work and need a lot of patience, but they are awfully cute! As you get into the habit of taking your new puppy on daily walks, make sure you are also getting into the habit of bringing doggie bags with you!

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#Puppy #NationalPuppyDay #PuppyLove



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<p>3/25/20</p>		<p>Allergies got you down? Not everyone enjoys the fresh spring air and pollen on walks... When you venture out for a walk with your dog, always remember to pack a few doggie bags, just in case your dog decides to use the bathroom!</p> <p>Learn more at <a href="http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste">dfwstormwater.com/petwaste</a></p> <p>#Spring #BostonTerrier #SeniorDog</p>
<p>3/27/20</p>		<p>Do you have that #FridayFeeling?? Thank you to those who pick up their dog's poo on walks and in their yard! You are helping keep our local waters clean and your community healthy!</p> <p>Learn more at <a href="http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste">dfwstormwater.com/petwaste</a></p> <p>#DogLife #HappyDog #Pawrents</p>
<p>3/30/20</p>		<p>Today is Take a Walk in the Park Day! Many people think that because wildlife poop in the park then it's okay for their dog to poop in the park as well. This is NOT true! Wildlife consumes resources and nutrients from their ecosystem and returns the same resources and nutrients to that environment. Commercial dog food and a dog's digestive system are different. Leaving these foreign nutrients in nature pollutes the ecosystem!</p> <p>Learn more about why it is important to pick up after your pet at <a href="http://dfwstormwater.com/petwaste">dfwstormwater.com/petwaste</a>.</p> <p>#DooTheRightThing #TakeaWalkinthePark #Bulldog</p>