



BE A SUPER "POOPER SCOOPER"

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all pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

Special concern must be shown for areas where our children play. Transmission of various viral and bacterial diseases has been documented through children's contact with dog feces. Anyone who has removed it from their shoes knows the unpleasant consequences of careless pet owners.

- Get in the habit of carrying a small bag and scoop when you walk your dog.
- Get your dog used to defecating in your own yard where cleanup is more controllable.
- Let people know of their responsibilities if observed defiling other's property. Be willing to sign a complaint against repeat offenders. The Police and Health Departments can help you.
- Make sure you are a super "pooper scooper" on your own property. Dog waste that is allowed to accumulate on your personal property can create health, environmental and odor problems.

PREVENT DOG BITES

According to the Centers for Disease Control, an estimated 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs, ranging from minor nips to major attacks every year. Dog bites **can** be prevented:

- Don't pet a dog - even your own - without letting him see and sniff you first.
- Always ask a dog's owner for permission before you let it sniff your hand or try to pet it.
- Never approach a strange dog, especially one who's tied or confined behind a fence or in a car.
- Don't disturb a dog while she's sleeping, eating, chewing on a toy, or caring for puppies.
- Keeping your dog on a leash when it is off your property keeps it under your control. If your dog bites another animal or human, it may need to be quarantined.
- If you are bitten or attacked by a dog, stay calm.
 - ▶ Immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and warm water.
 - ▶ Contact your physician for additional care and advice.
 - ▶ Rabies is a fatal disease once symptoms appear. **ALL animal-to-animal and animal-to-human bites MUST be reported to the Health Department immediately for follow up.**
- All dogs 7 months of age and older must be licensed and have a current rabies shot. **Free Rabies Immunization Clinics** are offered for all cats and dogs in the spring and fall at the Municipal Garage - call **490-5100** for more information.



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