

IT IS THE LAW; CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pursuant to Chapter 5 "ANIMAL CONTROL", Section 5-3 "DISPOSAL OF PET WASTE" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown:

Subsections:

5-3.1 Definitions.

5-3.2 Requirement for Disposal.

5-3.3 Exemptions.

5-3.4 Enforcement.

5-3.5 Violations and Penalty.

5-3.1 Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. "Immediate" as regards the removal of pet solid waste shall mean at once, without delay.
- b. "Owner/Keeper" shall mean any person who possesses, maintains, houses or harbors any pet or otherwise has custody of any pet, whether or not he or she is the owner of such pet.
- c. "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. "Pet" shall mean a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. "Pet solid waste" shall mean waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- f. "Proper disposal" shall mean placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarding in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal. (Ord. No. 2004-14)

5-3.2. Requirement for Disposal.

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. (Ord. No. 2004-14)

5-3.3. Exemptions.

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose. (Ord. No. 2004-14)

WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,
REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST
GO ON THE LAWN.



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean.
So what can you do? Properly dispose of your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet
or by placing it in a bag and throwing it in the trash.

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