

City of Somersworth
Pet Waste

City Ordinances Regarding Dogs
Chapter 13 Police Offenses

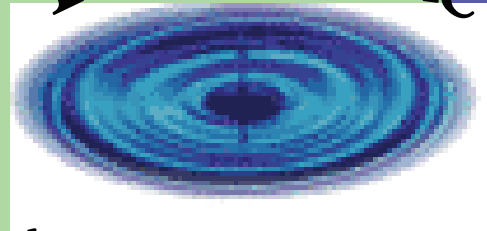
Section 4—Paragraph P-Removal of Excrement

It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in control of any dog to allow that dog to appear in any public place or upon the property of any other person, unless said owner or person in control has in his or her possession a mechanical or other device for removal of excrement deposited by said dog in any such place. This ordinance shall not apply to a blind person while walking his or her guide dog.

For more information on how you can protect Storm Water in your community, review the Somersworth SWPPP @ www.somersworth.com, choose City Departments, then Public Works, then Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (PDF).



Think Blue



clean water starts with you!

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DOGGIE “DO’S”
& DON’TS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SOMERSWORTH DOG OWNERS

HELP US KEEP STORM WATER CLEAN!!!!

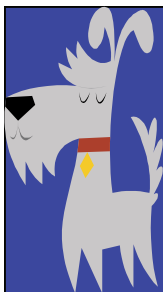
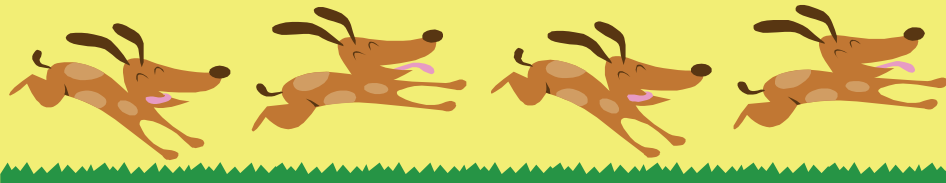
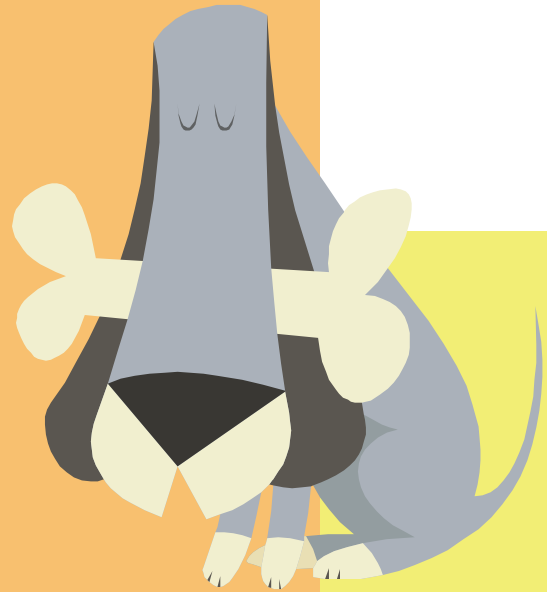
When our pets defecate and it is not picked Up, rain washes it into our storm drains or overland with storm water, which lead to our favorite fishing spots, swimming holes, and drinking water.

Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make wildlife and people sick.

Somersworth ordinance requires that as a pet owner, you pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste properly.

Also, keeping your cat indoors is a great way to keep it safe from large predators and protect the environment.

Please don't deposit the waste into the storm drains-these often lead directly to the Salmon Falls River!



So after
you
pick it
up,
what do
you do
with it?

Scoop it up and
flush it down the
toilet. That's the bet
because then your
community sewage
treatment plant or
your septic system
treat the pet waste.

Seal the waste
in a plastic bag
and throw it in
the garbage.

TIP: Use a sand-
wich bag as a glove!

Bury small quantities in
your yard where it can
decompose slowly. Dig a
hole one foot deep. Put 3-4
inches of waste of waste
with at least 8 inches of
soil. Bury the waste in
several different locations
in your yard and keep it
away from your vegetable
garden or drinking well.

Scoop the poop! It's your "doodie" as a responsible pet owner.

To find out more about the problems of pet waste and what you can do to prevent storm water pollution, visit www.somersworth.com, choose City Departments, then Public Works, then Storm Water Pollution Plan (PDF).

