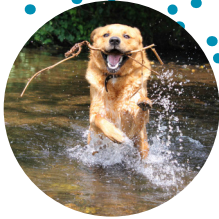


The Poop Problem:

Dog poop spreads diseases to people and pets.

Rain washes poop down ditches and drains and into waterways.



When high levels of fecal bacteria are detected, **shellfish beds are closed** to harvesting and waterways become **unsafe for swimming or fishing**.

~ 40,000 dogs
in Whatcom County



= 30,000
lbs of poop
every day

>30 trillion
fecal bacteria



Dog poop can harbor **E. coli, giardia, parvovirus, worms,** and other pathogens.



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The Poop Solution:

Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the trash.

At home, scoop at least weekly, ideally daily, and especially before it rains.



Pathogens you can't see can be tracked indoors on **paws, shoes,** and **flies**.



Some pathogens can **survive in your yard** for weeks or **years**.

On walks, scoop every time and carry it to the trash.



Be prepared. Always keep **bags and a flashlight** on your leash.

Watch closely when dogs are **off leash**. Scoop even in tall brush.

Veterinarians and waste haulers agree: **the trash is the safest place** to dispose of pet waste.

Good human.



Healthy families.

Healthy pets.

Clean shoes.