

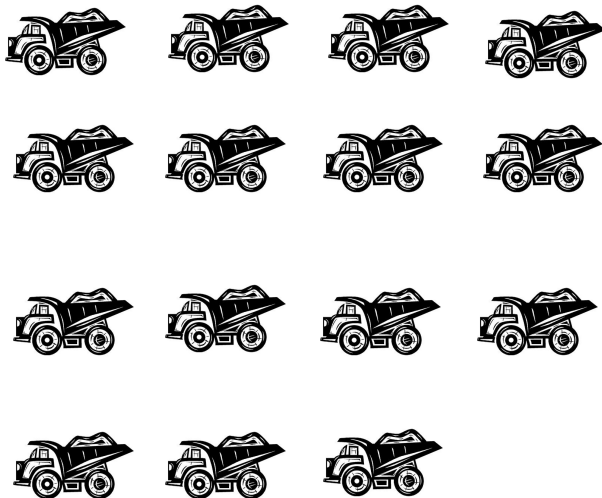
Approximately **37%** of households own dogs

= **2,490** dogs in Mebane

That means **822 lbs** of dog poop daily

= **299,921 lbs** of raw sewage a year

That's equivalent to almost 15 dump truck loads of waste.



Please be a responsible pet owner



For more information on water quality and stormwater management, go to:

www.StormwaterSMART.org

or contact

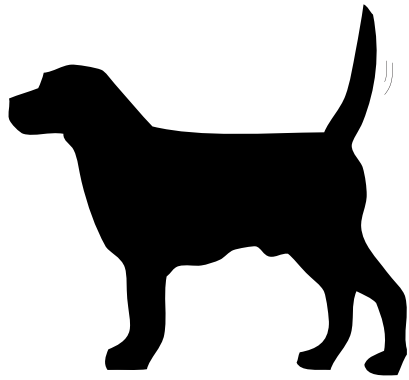
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Pet Waste Transmits Disease



Please protect our waters by picking up after your pet.





See Spot.

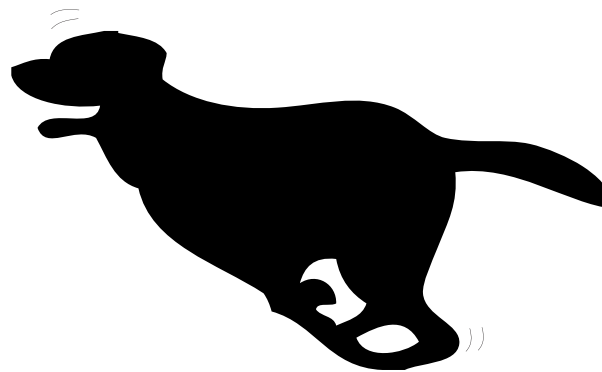
What's the Problem?

Pet waste is a big source of pollution in our waterways. When it rains, dog waste runs into storm drains, and then into lakes and streams and eventually the Haw River.

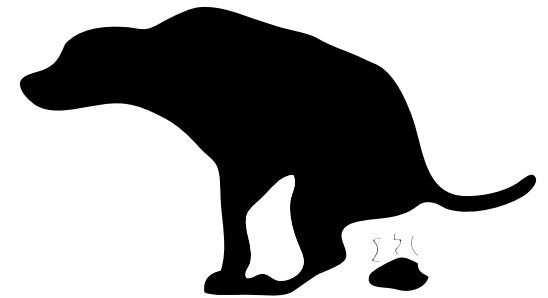
Dog waste contains roundworms, E. coli and Giardia. When it rains, harmful bacteria are washed into our storm drains and ends up in our streams, rivers and lakes. Next time you're contemplating getting your feet wet, think about what that water might have picked up along the way.

Excess nutrients cause algae blooms which deprive fish and other aquatic organisms from much needed oxygen.

Clean water is important to our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our landscape. Do your part in keeping our surface and ground waters clean!



See Spot Run.



See Spot . . . uh, oh.

What Can You Do?

- Don't forget to bring a bag on your walks.
- Frequently clean the pet waste from your yard, deck, patio, driveway and sidewalk.
- Dispose of pet waste by tossing it in the trash or burying it in the back yard.

Fast Facts . . .

- Pet waste is a health risk to animals and people, especially children.
- It is a nuisance in our neighborhoods.
- Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick.
- Nutrients found in pet waste can cause algae blooms which may lead to fish kills.
- Unless people properly dispose of pet waste, it flows untreated through storm drains into our waters. Even if you don't live near a stream, your dog's waste can pollute our waters!