



Doo The Right Thing!

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2019 CALENDAR

Thanks For Doo-ing The Right Thing!

Thank you all to the dog owners who took the Doo the Right Thing pledge, helping to keep people and pets healthy and our local waters clean. All the photos in this calendar were entries in the 2019 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest. Many more pup pics were submitted than we could feature in this calendar, so check out www.dfwstromwater.com/petwaste for the full gallery.

Why do we ask people to pick up after their dogs? Picking up after your dog is important for your health as well as the health of your community, pets and the environment. Dog waste affects our water quality, harboring bacteria and parasites such as salmonella, E. coli, and giardia. One gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria!

When dog waste is left on the ground, rain or sprinkler runoff can wash it into storm drains. The water entering storm drains does not get treated or filtered, so the waste — along with its bacteria and harmful nutrients — then goes directly into our creeks, river, and lakes.

Approximately 1.2 million dogs live in North Central Texas. The average dog produces five pounds of waste a week, which amount to around 350 million pounds produced every year in our region! That's a lot of "doo" — and a lot of potential to pollute our waters.

Simply picking up after your dog can help keep pollutants from entering our local waterways. Pledge to Doo the Right Thing and submit your dog's photo for next year's contest at www.dfwstromwater.com/petwaste. When you pick up after your dog, you can make a difference in our region's water quality.

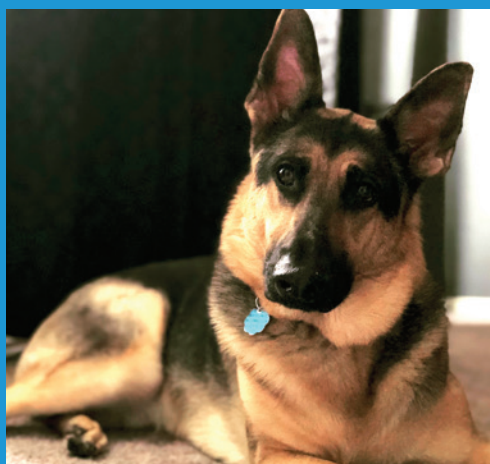
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October 2018

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6 † Kayla © Deb F.	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
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Make a resolution to pick up after your dog. Carry plastic bags when walking your dog, and pick up droppings in your yard at least once a week. Put bagged droppings in the trash, flush the droppings (but not the bag) down the toilet, or use a pet waste composter.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>◀ Shaggy, Diesel, Venus © Diana L.</p>					1	2 Groundhog Day
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10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		 <p>Charlie Chase © Angela W. ▶</p>



We love our dogs, but nobody enjoys picking up their waste. Yet when dog waste is left on the ground, rain can wash it (and the bacteria and harmful nutrients in it) down our storm drains where the water runs directly into our creeks, rivers, and lakes. These water bodies are the source of our drinking water and where we swim, fish, and boat.





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 Maya © Marty S.				 March is Texas SmartScape Month www.txsmartscape.com	1	2
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			Ash Wednesday			
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Daylight Saving Time Begins						
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St. Patrick's Day						
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Dog waste left on the ground can make people very sick. Some diseases and parasites that can be transmitted from dog waste to people include campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidium, and toxocariasis.



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	† Cassie © Lamar R. 1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6
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Palm Sunday	Tax Day				Good Friday Passover Begins	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday						Passover Ends
28	29	30				
					Ollie © Peyton M. ▶	

Make every day Earth Day—pick up after your dog and help reduce water pollution. You can also reuse plastic bags such as bread bags, newspaper sleeves, and produce bags instead of buying special dog-waste bags.



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 Barley © Nitin K.			1	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo Ramadan Begins	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Pet waste is not fertilizer! High in nitrogen and phosphorus, pet waste can leave burn marks on your lawn. These chemicals are bad for your lawn and our creeks, rivers, and lakes.



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16	17	18	19	20	Flag Day	22
Father's Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
30					First Day of Summer	



Protect our waters and aquatic life by picking up after your dog. When pet waste decays in water, it uses up dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive.



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 ←Moose © Dallas M.	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
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28	29	30	31			 Mark © C. ▶

Parvovirus (also known as parvo) is a highly contagious disease that affects dogs of any age, breed, or sex. It can be fatal to unvaccinated puppies, and adult dogs may carry the disease without showing any signs. It can be transmitted by shoes, car tires, and anything else that comes into contact with infected dog waste. Reduce the risk of transmission—pick up after your pup.



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If other dog owners see you picking up after your dog on walks, it promotes a culture of responsibility. Be a good example and others will follow your lead!



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1	2 <small>Labor Day</small>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <small>Patriot Day</small>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <small>First Day of Autumn</small>	24	25	26	27	28
29 <small>Rosh Hashanah Begins</small>	30					



Remember to clean up after your dog in your own backyard. Fences will NOT keep pet waste in your yard. Rain and sprinkler runoff wash pet waste down storm drains and into nearby creeks, causing water pollution. Do a "doo sweep" of your yard at least once a week.



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 6 ◀ Jeff © Erica B.	7	1	2	3	4	5
13	14	8 Yom Kippur Begins	9	10	11	12
20	21 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
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If you compost, keep pet waste out of your regular compost pile. Instead, consider using an in-ground pet waste digester to naturally break down the waste. It's like having a septic system just for your pet!



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Daylight Saving Time Ends		Election Day				
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	Veterans Day					
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				Thanksgiving		

A dog might overindulge during the holidays (or any time of the year), leading to extra cleanup. It's always a good idea to bring at least two bags on your walk.



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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <small>First Day of Winter</small>
22 <small>Hanukkah Begins</small>	23	24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa Begins</small>	27	28
29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>				 <small>Bonnie © Randy H.</small>



Do The Right Thing!

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An excellent gift that you can give your neighbors, their dogs, and the environment is to pick up after your pets. Your actions prevent the spreading of disease, reduce bacteria levels, keep our waterways clean, and make your community a better place for human and canine citizens alike.

January



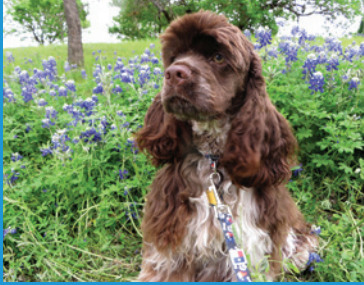
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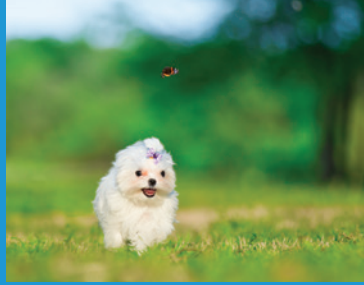
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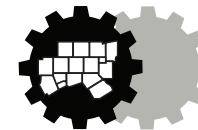


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