



Doo The Right Thing!

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2018 CALENDAR

Thanks For Doo-ing The Right Thing!

Thank you to all the dog owners who took the Doo the Right Thing pledge, helping keep people and pets healthy and our local waters clean. All the photos in this calendar were entries in the 2018 Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest. Many more pup pics were submitted than we could feature in this calendar, so check out www.dfwstormwater.com/petwaste for the full photo 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, rivers, and lakes.

Approximately 1.3 million dogs live in North Central Texas. With the average dog producing five pounds of waste a week, that's 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.dfwstormwater.com/petwaste. When you pick up after your dog, you can make a difference in our region's water quality.

—The Partners of the Regional Stormwater Management Program of North Central Texas



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October 2017

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Chevy © Lauren B.

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Bailey Rose © Chantal S. ▶



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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 ◀ Jovie © Lacy S.				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Groundhog Day	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	21	22	24
	Presidents' Day				23	
25	26	27	28			 Button © Nate W. ▶



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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 Dixie © Janet D.				1	2	3
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11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Passover Begins Good Friday	31



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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1 Easter Sunday April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Kip © Tyna L. ▶

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

Bentley © Valerie S. ▶

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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17	18	19	20	Flag Day	21	22
Father's Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Toby © Ashley A ▶

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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	Labor Day					
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Rosh Hashanah Begins		Patriot Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Yom Kippur Begins				First Day of Autumn
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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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7	8 <small>Columbus Day</small>	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31 <small>Halloween</small>			

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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 ◀ Scout © Vanessa T.				1	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
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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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 <p>◀ Baxter & Boomer © Kate M.</p>				<p>Chardonnay © Cindy R. ▶</p>		1
2 Hanukkah Begins	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins			

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



February



March



April



May



June



July



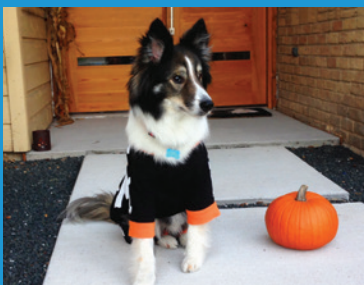
August



September



October



November



December



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