

How to STOOP AND SCOOP



- 1) Always bring more than one bag with you when you are walking your pet on public property, just in case.
- 2) It can be useful to wrap the excrements in a biodegradable paper before collecting the matter with a plastic bag.
- 3) **Do not leave the bag on the ground.** Please properly dispose of the waste in a garbage bin.



- 4) Remember to promote clean, responsible pet ownership. Set a good example for your children, family and neighbours.



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DON'T BE A DRAG, BRING A BAG

BEING A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER



The Corporation of the Township of Tay



Your Responsibilities as a Pet Owner



It is the responsibility of the pet owner to actively take care of their animal, which includes stooping and scooping.

This issue is a growing concern for the Roads and Parks Staff, who work hard to maintain clean-cut trails and parks for the community to enjoy. It is not a pleasant responsibility to pick up after someone else's pet.



If excretion collection continues to be a problem, there will be an impact on the Municipality's Operating Budget, or worse, restrictions may be placed in some areas.

The Township of Tay prides itself on sustaining a safe and healthy environment. Please practice clean and responsible pet ownership by collecting your dog's waste.

FACT: Each gram of feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. On average, one dog in Tay Township produces approximately 1,043.26 g of fecal matter per day.

Health Risks

People assume that animal waste will compost and disappear into the ground. However, there are many implications of choosing not to scoop that poop.

Each excretion that you fail to collect contributes significantly to the bacteria content of the water supply. A heavy rain can dilute the feces and wash run off into the storm sewers polluting the beaches, the rivers and the bay. This has an overall degrading effect on the environment and surrounding wildlife.

Bacteria that originates from fecal matter can cause the following health hazards:

1. Roundworms
2. Tapeworms
3. Heartworms
4. Salmonellosis



Children are the most susceptible to these diseases.

Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea.

Comparatively, an additionally harmful side-effect of pooping and not scooping is E-coli, a bacterium responsible for kidney disease and intestinal cramps.

Bylaw Information



Bylaw 2001-73 deals with all canine related matters, including running at large and specifications for the leashing of dogs at all times.

The following section states that all dog owners must stoop and scoop:

5.4 Every owner of a dog shall remove forthwith and dispose of any excrement left by his dog on any property in the Township of Tay other than his own property.



A breakdown of the fines associated with this bylaw:

INITIAL FINE	\$105.00
SURCHARGE	<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL FINE	<u>\$130.00</u>