

# An estimated 1.3 million dogs live, play, and poop in Maryland

The city of Aberdeen has adopted Harford County's pet waste policy: "No owner of a dog shall allow it to soil, defile, defecate upon or commit any other nuisance upon any public property or upon private property. The owner must take immediate steps to eliminate any such nuisance, including feces caused by the dog, in an appropriate and sanitary manner."



Studies show that 40% of Americans do not pick up their dog's waste. Dog waste accounts for 24% of the bacteria in our urban waterways!

For some pet-friendly fun, please visit Victory Street Dog Park located within Victory Street Park! Constructed in 2017 with almost 1/3 of an acre of land, the Dog Park features exercise tunnels, fire hydrants, ramps and more! If you are worried about placing your small dog with a large breed dog, don't be! The Park was constructed with separate small dog/large dog play areas. In each section of the Dog Park, there is a community dog toy bin.



Victory Street Dog Park

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# It's your Doody to Prevent Poo-llution!





# What's the Scoop on Poop?

- Dog waste contains highly concentrated nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen, bacteria, and parasites that can be harmful to humans and other animals
- A single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria which are known to cause cramps, intestinal illness, kidney disorders, and other health problems in humans
- When poop goes unscooped, it washes into storm drains, making its way into nearby waterways and the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- Waste breaks down in water leaving behind excess nutrients, creating hypoxic, low oxygen conditions called 'dead zones' where no aquatic life can survive
- Phosphorous leads to cloudy, green water from accelerated algae and weed growth; decay of these materials contributes to depressed oxygen levels and dead zones



## How Do I get Rid of it?

- Throw it out: the easiest way to dispose of dog waste is to pick it up and put it in the trash. Worried about landfills? Use a compostable bag!
- Flush it: did you know you can flush your dog's waste down the toilet just like any other waste?
- Bury it: you can bury your dog's waste at least 5 inches deep; this allows it to break down slowly and release a natural amount of nutrients to fertilize nearby plants



# A Round of A-paws for Festival Park!

On July 22, 2020, the City of Aberdeen installed 2 new Dog Waste Stations to Festival Park. These well-stocked stations provide residents with plastic bags to pick up their "dog doody." Used bags may then be tossed into any of the parks receptacles and are emptied regularly.

