# **PICK UP LITTER AFTER YOUR CRITTER**





161,000

Denver now has more dogs than kids under 18 -161,000 to 154,000



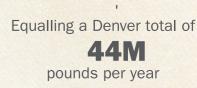
12 oz.

Each dog generates about this amount of waste per day.



That's 274 lbs.

per year.





...equivalent to

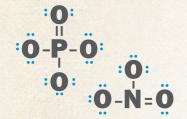
1,574 dump trucks worth!



Not picked up, that's 44 million pounds of poop that can wash into your waterways every year!

### **Why Does it Matter?**

Rain and snowmelt washes dog waste into our storm drains that connect to rivers and lakes without treatment.



Dog waste contains 10% phosphates and 2% nitrates.



In Denver alone, that's 4.4 million pounds of phosphates and 881K of nitrogen generated by dog poop every year.



These nutrients contribute to algae growth that can kill fish and other aquatic life.



Waste makes our water murky, green, smelly and unhealthy.



Dog waste can spread pathogens that can be transmitted from pets to humans, including salmonella, giardia, E. coli, among others.

## **What You Can Doo**



Pick It Up

Carry pet waste bags on every walk.



#### Pitch It

Make sure to put the bags in a garbage can.



### **Your Own Yard, Too**

Scoop the poop everywhere, even your own property.



