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3 DIRTY DISPOSAL SECRETS

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4 HUMAN HEALTH HAZZARD

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5 AN OCEAN OF TROUBLE

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SMALL CONSISTENT STEPS CREATE BIG CHANGE

- 1** Each time you use a reusable shopping bag, you in essence remove 170 single-use plastic bags in the environment.
- 2** When you consistently choose to use a refillable steel water bottle, you eliminate 167 plastic bottles from entering the environment.
- 3** Consistently refusing a plastic straw or using a steel straw eliminates 540 plastic or paper straws in the environment.
- 4** When you choose washable cloth towels over disposable paper ones, you will keep 7,300 paper towels from entering the environment.
- 5** By consistently bringing your own reusable coffee mug with you to your favorite café, you will keep 500 disposable plastic or paper cups out of our landfills.
- 6** Even if all single-use shopping bags were banned globally, there would still be millions of plastic bags in circulation--like bread wrappers, newspaper sleeves, and retired freezer bags. So be consistently creative while on poop patrol, and you'll be saving the planet while you care for your pooch.

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