

Pet Information

Animal Complaints:

If you have an animal-related emergency, please call 9-1-1 or Animal Shelter & Services at (970) 328-3647. To file an incident report, please complete the [Eagle County Citizen Incident Report](#). If you have pictures or supporting documents you can upload them directly to the form. Once Eagle County receives your Citizen Incident Report, the complaint will be assigned to an officer and they will begin making contacts concerning the complaint. Please be as detailed as possible including day, date and time, along with specific descriptions of the incident, dog, etc. By completing the Citizen Incident Report your name and the statements may be considered a public record and open for inspection pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act (C.R.S. 24-72-201). [Visit the Eagle County Animal Services](#) webpage for more information.

Know the Facts:

Sec. 7-9-70. — Failure to Control a Pet Animal (Fines up to \$250)

It shall be unlawful and considered a failure to control a pet animal when:

1. A pet animal is off the owner's premises without the presence of a person having control as defined in this Article.
2. A pet animal is allowed to become a danger to any person or property.
3. A pet animal is tethered upon any public or private property without the permission of the person owning, leasing or otherwise controlling the property in question.
4. Any pet animal reaches past the perimeter of the owner's premises with its teeth or claws causing or threatening bodily injury or property damage to another.
5. A pet animal is allowed to defecate on public or private property and the owner or responsible person of the animal does not remove the waste in a timely manner.

6. A female cat or dog, during estrus, is not under physical control, confined indoors or confined within a secure animal enclosure.
7. A pet animal is not under physical control in areas posted by any agency of the federal government, the State or any political subdivision of the State as requiring the animal to be on a leash.
8. Any pet animal is mistreated or is left in circumstances which constitute abandonment.
9. A pet animal is allowed to enter private property not that of the owner's or on public property which is posted as not permitting such animals.

Let's Work Together:

**DISPERSING DISEASE;
STOP THE CYCLE
SCOOP THE POOP!**



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CONTAINS
23
MILLION
FECAL
BACTERIA!

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#3 CAUSE OF WATER POLLUTION
CHILDREN, SENIORS BABIES &
PREGNANT WOMEN AT HIGHER RISK
EPA CLASSIFICATION: DANGEROUS
POLLUTANT

WHY EVERY PET OWNER NEEDS TO

SCOOP THE POOP

WITH A TOWN-
WIDE EFFORT
WE CAN IMPROVE
THE HEALTH AND
WELL-BEING OF
OUR ENTIRE
COMMUNITY!

FOR POOP STATION
BAG REFILLS PLEASE
CALL 827.5645 X4

THANK YOU!



**MINTURN
DOG
OWNERS:**



It's the law

MMC Sec. 7-3-140
Minturn residents thank you!



If you notice a poop bag station is empty, please call (970) 827-5645 Ext. 5, or [email](#), to get it refilled!



DOGGIE DEPOSITS

America's overlooked environmental pollutant.

We love our dogs, except when it comes to dealing with the waste they leave behind. Please remember to pick up after your pets. Every scoop makes a difference.

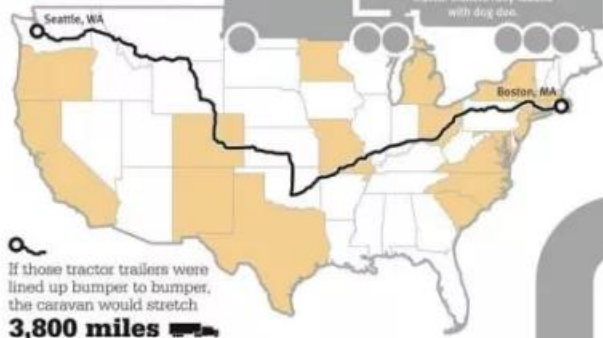
78.2 million dogs currently live in the United States

Collectively depositing **30,000 tons** of waste every day.

10 million tons of waste every year.

That's the equivalent of **267,500** tractor trailers fully loaded with dog doo.

DoodyCalls has locations in these states



If those tractor trailers were lined up bumper to bumper, the caravan would stretch **3,800 miles**



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Dog waste is an environmental pollutant

According to the EPA, dog waste is considered non-point source pollution, along with:

- Herbicides and insecticides
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from urban runoff and energy production
- Salt from irrigation practices and acid drainage from abandoned mines

Bacteria, worms and other parasites thrive in waste, eventually washing away into the water supply.

Two or three days worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles to swimming and shell fishing.

100 dogs

20 miles



Dog feces are common carriers of:

- Heartworms
- Whipworms
- Hookworms
- Roundworms
- Tapeworms
- Parvovirus
- Giardia
- Salmonella
- E. coli



DOG WASTE CAN HARM YOUR HEALTH

Unlike other sources adding to water pollution, such as lawn fertilizer, rinse water from driveways and motor oil, dog waste carries parasites and bacteria that can be transmitted directly to humans and make them sick.



The longer dog waste stays on the ground, the greater a contamination becomes.



Roundworm is one of the most common parasites found in dog waste. It can remain infectious in contaminated soil and water for years. A recent CDC study found 14 percent of Americans tested positive for roundworms.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The most responsible thing pet owners can do for their family, community and environment is to make sure their pets are picked up after.

Pet owners who don't have enough time to deal with the mess themselves, or simply don't want to, should consider hiring a local pet waste removal service.

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CALLING IS NEVER SHAMEFUL

SOURCES: The Environmental Protection Agency, The Federal Highway Administration, Centers for Disease Control, www.doodycalls.com

WINTER DOG WASTE:

Winter in Minturn brings chilly temperatures, snow-covered parks, and the temptation to overlook certain responsibilities, like cleaning up after your dog. Some pet owners assume that the cold or snow will somehow take care of their pet's waste. Unfortunately, that's not true. Picking up pet waste during winter is just as important as during warmer months. Here's why it matters and how you can stay on top of it in Minturn.

Out of sight isn't out of mind

Fresh snow can easily cover up pet waste, but that doesn't make it disappear. When the snow melts, all the waste left behind resurfaces, creating an unpleasant and unsanitary mess. Imagine walking through Minturn's beautiful neighborhoods or parks in the spring only to find them littered with months' worth of accumulated pet waste. Beyond being an eyesore, uncollected waste can harm the environment and spread disease.

The environmental impact is significant

In areas like Minturn, where snowmelt flows into the watershed, pet waste left on the ground can contribute to pollution. As the snow melts, bacteria and nutrients from the waste are carried into storm drains, which flow untreated into local streams and rivers. This runoff harms water quality, threatens wildlife, and contributes to algae blooms that deplete oxygen in the water, endangering aquatic ecosystems.

By picking up after your pet, you're playing a small but vital role in protecting Minturn's local waterways and the larger ecosystem.

Pet waste can affect public health

Contrary to popular belief, winter's cold temperatures don't neutralize the bacteria and parasites in pet waste. Harmful organisms like *E. coli*, giardia, and salmonella can survive in the cold and persist in the soil long after the snow melts. These pathogens pose health risks to humans and pets alike. Children playing in the yard, other dogs sniffing around, or even you stepping in the wrong spot can lead to exposure.

By promptly removing pet waste, you reduce the risk of spreading these harmful organisms in your neighborhood and popular Minturn outdoor spaces.

Keeping Minturn clean shows community respect

Keeping the area clean requires everyone's effort. Failing to pick up after your dog in shared spaces not only impacts the environment but also reflects poorly on our community. By staying diligent, you're showing respect for your neighbors and contributing to the shared enjoyment of Minturn's public spaces.

Winter pet waste cleanup tips

Cleaning up after your dog in winter can feel more challenging, but with a little preparation, it's manageable. Here are a few tips to make the task easier:

- **Set up a waste station near your door:** Keep a stash of waste bags, gloves, and a small scooper easily accessible so you're always prepared before heading out.
- **Choose bright-colored bags:** These stand out against the snow, making cleanup quicker and ensuring you don't leave anything behind.
- **Stay on paths:** Sticking to sidewalks or well-trodden trails can help you monitor and manage cleanup more effectively, especially during snowfalls.
- **Always keep extra bags handy:** Always have extra dog waste bags on you when you are out with your dog. Opt for environmentally friendly bags where possible to minimize waste and align your pet care with sustainable practices.

Make pet waste cleanup a habit year-round

Winter in Minturn may come with extra challenges, but it's no excuse to ignore pet waste cleanup. By staying consistent, you help protect the environment, maintain the health of your community, and preserve Minturn's natural beauty. Taking responsibility for pet waste isn't just about cleanliness—it's about protecting the place we call home. Let's work together to keep Minturn's parks, neighborhoods, and waterways healthy and beautiful, no matter the season.