



SCOOP ^{the} POOP

*Help stop pointless poo-llution!
You can make a difference!*

Why scoop?

Besides being unpleasant to the nose and eyes, pet waste is an environmental pollutant that can seriously harm Maryland's waterways. A quick rain shower is all it takes to transfer dog droppings from the ground and into our streams, lakes, rivers and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses and parasites that threaten the health of humans and wildlife. By scooping the poop you are removing harmful nutrients and bacteria from local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay, keeping our citizens healthy and our yards *and* shoes clean.

You can make a difference by pledging to "scoop the poop" and educate people about the importance of removing pet waste!

Take the pledge to "scoop the poop" and do your part to reclaim the Bay!



I pledge to always clean up after my pet, even in my own yard.

I pledge to educate others about the importance of cleaning up after their pets.

I pledge to always carry extra doggy bags when I'm with my pet.

Name: _____

Pet's Name: _____

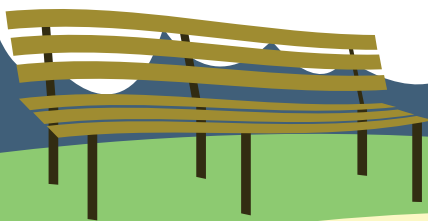
Location: _____

Breed: _____

Age: _____

Favorite Spot: _____

Submit your pledge via email to adrienne.diaczok@maryland.gov. Don't forget to include a picture of your pooch for our [Scoop The Poop photo gallery!](#)



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