

The Scoop on Dog Poop-

As the rainy season approaches the Lakes Committee reminds all homeowners to scoop the poop. All dog poop should be bagged and disposed of in your own trash, even if it is on your own lawn. Never leave dog poop on property that abuts the stormwater ponds (aka, lakes).

Why? Dog poop is not a fertilizer and is nothing like wild animal poop.

Dogs eat a very different diet and are given medications.

Dog poop contains way more bacteria- one gram contains 23 million bacteria! This is not good.

Dog poop is likely to contain bacteria and parasites that are harmful to the environment, harmful to wildlife and harmful to human health such as E. Coli, Salmonella, Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter, Roundworms and Tapeworms.

Soil contamination with these parasites is a documented health risk factor for human infection and these pathogens can survive months or years in soils.

Dog poop is unnaturally high in phosphorus and nitrogen which are pollutants of concern.

During the rainy season these are all carried into the storm ponds (aka Lakes) and then sent into the bays and estuaries, which impacts the ponds biological functions and the environment.

The EPA classifies pet waste as one of the pollution sources causing water quality problems in the U.S.. Our storm water ponds are intended to help reduce pollutants entering the natural water ways and the underground aquifers, so we need to do all we can, as individuals to limit the pollutants that enter the ponds to begin with.

Plus, it is not a pleasant experience for your neighbors trying to enjoy the community.

So, please be good neighbors and scoop, bag, and throw it in the trash.