



## The Scoop on Poop

**Objective:** Learn why it is important that we pick up after our pets. Help create a fun and education PSA Poster to share this information with your community.

**Supplies needed:** Paper and art supplies.

Poop! It's gross. It's kind of funny. It's our favorite emoji.  
And it's the not-so-fun part of taking care of a pet.

When we have a pet, we promise to take care of them and give them the things they need to be happy and healthy. Dogs and Cats can't buy their own food from the store or fill up their water bowls from the sink, right? Unfortunately, they also can't clean up after themselves when they go to the bathroom outside or in their litterbox.

Sometimes people leave dog poop outside, instead of picking it up. I'm sure you can imagine how gross it would be to step in dog poop while going for a walk.

### Here's some fast facts about why we should pick up after our pets:

- Parks and grass yards become dirty and unusable for people if there is dog poop left behind.
- Pet waste leaves germs and can spread diseases.
- Puppies can get very sick from being around dog poop.
- Pet poop can be washed into rivers and oceans during rainstorms. Too much dog poop in rivers can make other animals sick and make fish unsafe to eat.
- Dog waste is actually toxic to lawns and can ruin grass if left behind.
- Nobody wants to have their day ruined by accidently stepping in dog poop.
- Pets are not able to clean up after themselves, so it's our job to promise to clean up after our pets go to the bathroom outside.

**Activity:** So today, we are going to help make a poster to put up in the neighborhood to help teach people why it is important to clean up after their pets!



#### Helpful tips:

- 🐾 You want the poster to catch someone's eye, so feel free to use lots of colors and pictures!
- 🐾 We also want to tell people why they should clean up after their pet, so you may want to plan to write a sentence or two.
- 🐾 People love catchy sayings that rhyme. See if you can come up with something fun to help people remember to pick up after their pet. Something like Scoop your Poop or It's Our Duty to Pick Up Their Doody.

#### Extra Options:

- 🐾 Attach extra poop bags to your sign outside for people to take while walking their dog.
- 🐾 Ask a grown-up to post your poster online for more people to see! Don't forget to tag us @eastbayspca!

#### Here's an example for inspiration:



Picture from: <https://streets.mn/2017/01/17/school-children-beg-dog-owners-pick-up-the-poop/>