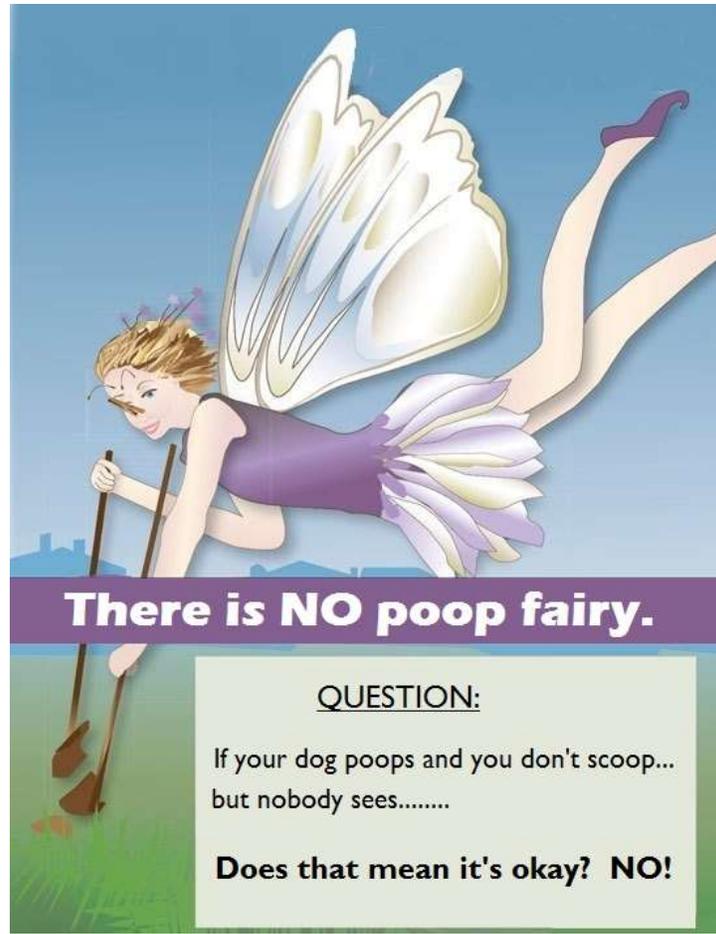


RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS SCOOP THE POOP!



Important Reasons to Clean Up After Your Dog

- **Lifestyle:** Dog waste is unsightly and very annoying, especially if stepped in, left on walkways or owner driveways, or discovered by children playing on the beach. Ocean Drive, our “gateway to the beach,” where so many people come to walk, bike or park for access to the beach is an area of FREQUENT VIOLATION.
- **Environment:** Pet waste does *NOT* biodegrade the same way as wild animal waste. It can take over one year for dog waste to decompose.
- **Health Hazard:** The CDC states that pet waste can contribute to diseases that animals pass to humans.
- **Water Quality:** The EPA estimates that 2-3 days worth of waste from just 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it to swimming and shell fishing.
- **Pollution:** Dog waste contains parasites and bacteria, notably nitrogen and phosphorous that pollute our canal, ocean and bay waters – The EPA states that 33% of all pollutants in waterways are attributed to dog waste pollutants originating from stormwater run-off. It also provides a nitrogen source for algae blooms which deplete the water of oxygen.
- **Disposal:** Only discard dog waste in *your* trash can or in a Town trash can – NOT your neighbor’s can! **South Bethany Town Code* §114-5.** For your convenience, Dog Waste Stations are located throughout Town.

South Bethany Town Codes* §30-2, 30-3, 30-4, and 30-5 require dog licensing, leashing and controlling and cleaning up after your dog. Chapter § 30-6 defines penalties where violators may be fined (up to \$100 and court costs). Visit the Town Code* section of www.southbethany.org to read referenced Town Codes in full.