

# ***Promote a Healthy Community & Never Leave Dog Waste Behind***

## ***Please Pick Up After Your Dog!***

We have had **increased reports of dog waste deposits** throughout our Town but especially along **OCEAN DRIVE** – our gateway to the beach – and **CANAL DRIVE** – and in the large grassy area around the **ANCHORAGE FOREBAY** – and along the **ROUTE 1** pedestrian walkway.

The Town posts numerous **“pick-up after your pet”** signs and **provides bags** for those who forget to bring their own bags.

**When ignored, our public works crew has to spend time cleaning up the mess.**



### **Here are Six Reasons to be a Responsible Pet Owner:**

**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.

**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 that pollute our canal, ocean, and bay waters. The EPA considers dog waste an environmental pollutant and in 1991 placed it in the same category as oil and toxic chemicals.

**Disposal** Only discard dog waste in your trash can or in a Town trash can – NOT your neighbor's can!