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HOW WE IMPACT GROUNDWATER AND HOW OUR PETS CAN PLAY A ROLE

What is Groundwater?

Groundwater is a natural resource and a primary source for drinking water. It is the water contained under the ground's surface, located in the spaces between soil particles and in the cracks of sand, gravel, and rock.

How We Impact Groundwater

According to the Groundwater Foundation, while some groundwater contaminants are naturally occurring, unfortunately, the majority of groundwater contamination is the result of human activity. Groundwater contamination occurs when man-made products such as gasoline, oil, road salts and chemicals get into the groundwater and cause it to become unsafe and unfit for human use. Check out the Groundwater Foundation's Top Ten Ways To Protect and Conserve Groundwater.

How Your Pet Plays a Role, Too

Owning a pet comes with some unexpected responsibilities when it comes to protecting our groundwater. Pet waste carries toxic bacteria and high levels of acidity that can pollute local waterways. It may seem that pet waste may disappear with time, but the harmful bacteria from the waste can enter into city drains, eventually ending up in our streams, ponds, or rivers.

Who knew that not picking up dog waste could leave long-term negative effects on our environment? Now that you know, the best thing you can do as a pet owner is to simply pick up after your dog.

** Information courtesy of the Groundwater Foundation.

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