



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

Subject: **DISPOSAL OF DOG DROPPINGS**

A dog is often referred to as man's best friend. However, improperly cared for, he is anything but that to your neighbors . . . or yourself, for that matter. Remember - - dogs and yards which do not receive proper attention may cause serious fly and odor problems.

Flies are attracted to dog droppings both as a food and a breeding source. These same flies may also find their way to the kitchen table. ***Droppings MUST be disposed of DAILY if odors and fly breeding are to be prevented.***

Consider these startling facts:

Each female fly is capable of laying 200-300 eggs at a time.

Orange County's licensed dog population exceeds 160,000 animals.

Multiply these figures together and the magnitude of the potential fly problem becomes apparent as does the need for properly disposing of dog droppings.

The best way to dispose of dog droppings is to:

- Double bag the dog droppings in paper or plastic bags and place them in a trash container with a tight fitting lid. In lieu of bags, dog droppings may be wrapped in several layers of newspaper.
- Flush the droppings into the sewage system through a toilet.

The dog droppings you put into your trash may contain fly eggs. It is important that trash containers be collected at least once a week to break the fly breeding cycle.

Remember, dog droppings can create a serious fly problem which may adversely affect the health of the community and impair the comfort and enjoyment of outdoor activities. Contributing to (or causing) excessive fly breeding is a violation of the law and is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

If you have any questions please contact Environmental Health at 714-433-6000.