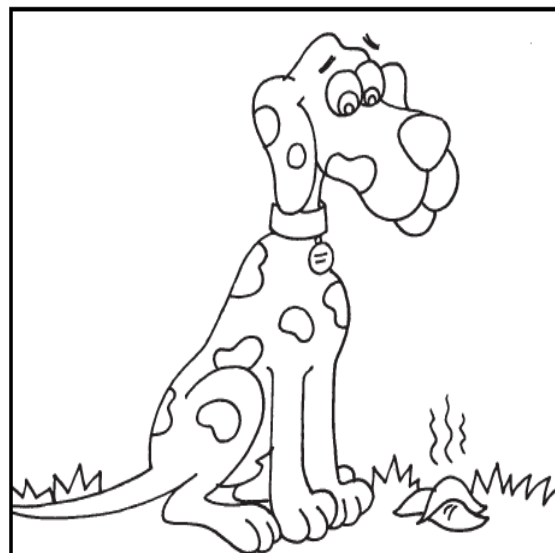


Don't let your dog be the downfall of our rivers

The population of domestic pets in residential areas makes a significant contribution to phosphorus and other nutrient loads in our waterways. For residential areas, estimates of 10 to 20% of phosphorus loads are from pet faeces, with the remainder mainly from garden fertilisers.

Dog droppings left on footpaths, gardens and parks can be washed into stormwater drains and eventually waterways.



There are steps you can take to reduce the phosphorus input that your pet makes to the rivers and thus the incidence of algal blooms.

Take a plastic bag with you when you go for walks and **pick up after your dog.**

Don't let droppings get into street drains.

Worm farms are an excellent way to compost what you collect. Worm farms turn your dog's droppings into nutrient rich, odourless, pH neutral, worm castings.



This is the best form of soil conditioner known.

However, don't put your dogs droppings in the worm farm after the dog has been wormed (all your worms will die!) and don't put the worm castings on plants you intend to eat eg. vegetables and herbs.

Alternatively, put your pet's droppings in a rubbish bin or bury it in your garden.