

**[City/town]**

**[City town address and contact information]**

**Contact: [name and title]**

**[city/town]**

**[phone and fax number]**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**[City/town] has passed an ordinance requiring dog owners to pick up after their pets.**

[City/town] R.I. – [date] - [city/town] has passed an ordinance requiring dog owners to pick up and properly dispose of waste their dog deposits on public sidewalks, trails and roadways. Proper disposal consists of putting the pet waste in a trash can. The [city/town] has a limited number of pet waste stations available to interested neighborhood associations, park associations and other community groups for installation. These pet waste stations include a sign informing citizens of the requirement to pick up after their pets as well as plastic bags for collecting pet waste. Interested groups should contact: [name and phone number]. Pet waste is a contributor to pollution of our [Bay, river, pond, water supply] because when it rains it gets washed either directly into our [Bay, river, pond, water supply] or into our stormdrain system. The stormdrain system flows directly into [the Bay, river, pond, water supply] without treatment of any kind.