

City of Oceanside Survey of Dog Waste in the Community

Please help the City of Oceanside by taking 5 minutes to complete this survey.

The City of Oceanside is interested in the opinions of all residents and not just pet owners.

Please do not complete this survey. The survey results have been compiled and this survey form is being provided for informational purposes only.

completed survey in the enclosed stamped envelope or mail to: Cynthia Mallett, City of Oceanside Water Utilities Department, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054.

1. How often do you see dog waste in your community that is left behind and not cleaned up?
 Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always

2. Do you have a dog in your household? YES NO (Skip to Question #5)

3. Do you ever walk your dog? YES NO (Skip to Question #5)

4. When you walk your dog, how often do you leave your dog's waste behind without picking it up?
 Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always

5. Below is a list of reasons that people give for picking up pet waste and throwing it in the trash instead of leaving it on the ground. Circle a 0 if you think it is not an important reason for picking up dog waste, a 10 if you think it is definitely a reason, or circle any number in between.

It is important for pet owners to pick up dog waste and throw it in the trash...

Not at All
Important

Extremely
Important

...because pet waste transmits disease.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because someone might step in it.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because it is the right thing to do.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because it pollutes parks, rivers, and beaches.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because it is unsafe for children.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because it washes into creeks, rivers, and the ocean.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because it is the law.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...because it makes the community look bad.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Are there any other reasons? If so, please list them here.

More on Reverse



6. Sometimes there are circumstances that make it difficult for people to pick up dog waste and throw it in the trash. Below is a list of reasons that people give for not picking up after their dog. Circle a 0 if it is not a reason in your community, a 10 if it is definitely a reason, or circle any number in between.

In my community, someone might not pick up after their dog because...	Not at All a Reason										Definitely a Reason											
...no one else is around to see them.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...other people don't pick up after their pets.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...they think it is gross.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...they forget to bring a bag with them.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...they don't think it is important.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...there is nowhere to throw it away.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
...someone will come later to clean it up.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Are there any other reasons? If so, please list them here.																						

7. I would like to see more pet waste bag dispensers in my community (circle one). 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree

8. How important is it that dog owners always pick up their dog's waste (circle one)? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not at all Important Extremely Important

9. Have you ever visited the San Luis Rey River Bike Trail (either the north or south side)? YES NO (Skip to Question #12)

10. Did you ever notice dog waste on the San Luis Rey River trail? YES NO

11. What do you think is the primary reason that someone might not pick up after their dog on the San Luis Rey River trail?

12. What is your gender? FEMALE MALE

13. In what year were you born? 19 ____

Thank you very much for taking the time to share your experiences and opinions with us. Your input will be very helpful to the City of Oceanside in their efforts to develop effective programs to prevent water pollution.

Write any additional comments here:

Check here if you would like to receive a short summary of the survey results.