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On Scooping Poop

Posted 09.21.2006 by [Pet Butler](#) (10)

Editor's note: the author of this article is a pooper scooper. She works for [Pet Butler](#), a nationwide franchise of scoopers. She has decided to give us some insight into a day in the life of a person who picks up poop.

We at Pet Butler see our company as the *K911 Emergency Feces Removal Response Team* -- committed to ridding our nation and our communities of evil doggie doo. A typical day in the life of a Fecal Matter Removal Technician, as we call ourselves, goes something like this.

First thing in the morning, the FMRT logs on to Poop-Net via his or her Blackberry mobile phone. On Poop-Net, he can check for messages from Poop Command Central that alert him to new customers, changes to existing customers, or anyone who has Got Poop. He can also manipulate his route on Poop-Net, adjusting for road construction, traffic problems, or special events. Once he has adjusted his routing and taken care of any new messages, he leaps into his customized Poop Mobile and heads off to begin Dooty Patrol at his first scheduled customer's home.

Depending on what the customer has ordered, the FMRT will first search out and remove all doggie doo, executing a standard seek-and-recover grid pattern across the entire yard area. This is critical to avoid missing any biscuits and, of course, to avoid stepping in it. Next, the FMRT will treat the pet area with a variety of organic products which repair urine burn spots in lawns, ward off mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas, help teach the doggie family member where and where not to "go", and sanitize, disinfect, and deodorize pet areas. The FMRT will even pick up small trash from the customer's yard and hose off a deck, if requested.

All dog waste is double-bagged and sealed to ensure it won't offend anyone who stops at a traffic light next to the Poop-Mobile.

The most important aspect of our Canine Crusaders duties is to document anything unusual or noteworthy in the dog's stool. If the FMRT notices anything of concern, he will fill out the appropriate form and leave it for the owner's attention. This is particularly important for busy dog owners who may not notice the changes in their pet's health that feces can indicate.

Once the client is poop-free, the FMRT securely locks the gate



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How you feel about animals in the bathroom:

- I close all animals out for privacy. They stare at me while I shit.
- I invite all animals in for company. It's no fun to poop alone.
- My animals run, run

behind him, logs in the service call via Poop-Net, and points the Poop-Mobile to the next poop scene. Our FMRTs are equipped to service thirty to forty customers each day.

The entire day's collection of poop is securely transported to county landfill for appropriate disposal, never to menace our community again.

Did you know?

- 4 in 10 homes in the US have at least one dog.
- Sixty-eight million dogs were living in US homes in 2000.
- 45% of dogs in US homes are large breed dogs.
- The average dog defecates two or three times per day, producing ten ounces of waste each time.
- Half of all dog owners walk their dogs in public places; 40% do not pick up after their dogs.
- It has been estimated that for watersheds of up to twenty-square miles draining to small coastal bays, two to three days of droppings from a population of only one hundred dogs would contribute enough bacteria and nutrients to temporarily close a bay to swimming and shellfishing (US EPA, 1993).
- Dog waste is third or fourth on the list of bacteria contributors to polluted waters -- but dog waste is the most easily controlled.
- Pet Butler has scooped over fifteen million piles of dog doo nationwide.
- We service over fifty thousand clients each week nationwide.
- Most Pet Butler technicians have college degrees.
- We receive a **huge** number of crank phone calls to Poop Command Central.

Editor's note: Niki also sent me a surprisingly vast dictionary her company has compiled. Below are some highlights.

Dooped (d·p, dy·p) *tr.v.* **1.** To be deceived into believing something is dog doo when it is not. **2.** To be deceived into believing something is not dog doo when it is.

Doodle. **1.** To splatter something (yourself, nearby shrubs, pavement, the side of a building or automobile); especially to soil with splashes of dog doo from your shovel, either intentionally or by accident.

Bam poozler (b²m·d·"z...ler) *n.* **bam-doo-zled, bam-doo-zler, bam-doo-zles.** *Informal.* A dog who hides its poo by elaborate methods of deceit or in areas and spaces impossible for a technician to reach, such as under a cactus or a deck

in-doo-cate (¹n"d¹-k³t") *tr.v.* **indoo-cat-ed, indoo-cat-ing, indoo-cates.** **1.** To show the presence of, the way to, or the direction of dog doo; point out dog doo. There are six primary

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away! They know better by now.

I let them in, and if they run away, I know my gas is toxic.

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indoocators: 1) flies, 2) smell, 3) dog marks, 4) disturbed grass, shrub or landscaping growth, 5) cigarette butts (normally in public dog walk areas), 6) the unique feel when one steps in it.

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fon-doo (f¹/₄n-d^o, -dy^o;) *n.* **1.a.** A disgusting mess of dog doo and rainwater resulting when scooping in the rain. **b.** Any similar mess, especially one consisting of a dog doo and water from an irrigation system.

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Hiring a pooper scooper service is really just an extension to paying for a landscaping service. If you can afford it, and really give a shit about your lawn, that's fine.

Our family got our dog about 4 years ago. In the beginning we used to pick up the dogshit but not anymore. We gave up on it.

The dog mainly eats a vegetable based dry dog food that helps the crap dissolve quickly. The dog only shits in my backyard and we never walk back there; we have a pool, a deck and a brick patio in the back so we never walk on the grass (except when I mow the lawn and I have old boots I wear for that).

I don't care when the urine burns the grass, we get so much rain it always grows back green. The smell can get bad on a real hot day, but we can live with it.

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