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There is No Poop Fairy

Dog owners are expected to pick up their dogs' poop in our neighborhoods and local parks. Many do so diligently – toting around plastic baggies on their daily walks. Others don't, leading to a buildup of errant dog poop piles. Because of the sheer number of pets in suburban communities, this hardy dog waste accumulates.

Our animal control officers have been aware of the problem for years and have struggled to enforce county ordinances against so many stealth offenders. Recently a group of citizens reached out and pleaded with our animal control officers to try a different approach... Something that would get your attention.

Animal Control hit on the crux of the problem. A lot of dog owners think that the poop "just goes away." We saw an opportunity to educate people on the realities of this subject. Together with the citizens and our local park districts, we created a campaign. It's called, *There is no poop fairy: Please clean up after your dog.*



Say Hello, Take a Baggie

Throughout the summer, the campaign will pop up across Jeffco. Signs, displays, and volunteers wearing blue "poop fairy" t-shirts will greet patrons of local parks, to educate them on why it's important to keep parks, trails, and sports fields free from dog poop. They'll hand out poop-pickup baggies and stickers. Virtually all of them are volunteers, and we appreciate their time and effort.

But Seriously, Folks

There are good reasons why we want to encourage people to be responsible for their pet's waste. The fact that the piles aren't pleasing to the eye (or nose) is only one consideration. Here are a few more:

Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like Wild Animal Poop

Because we feed our dogs food that's very different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. And because there are so many pets in the neighborhoods and parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates.

Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria, Parasites

Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, giardia, salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet, and may cause health problems.

Dog Waste Pollutes Groundwater, Water Bodies

Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers, and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Humans who come in contact with creek water can also face health hazards.

County Ordinances Require Cleanup

Jefferson County ordinances* make "failure to clean up dog feces in public places" a petty offense with a fine of at least \$30. Many local park districts have similar regulations and fines. **Part 3 Regulations, Chapter 5 Animals, Section 1, D4h*

We at the Sheriff's Office communicate on many different public safety topics, from drugs to domestic violence to child safety. Most of our PSAs are no laughing matter. But with the dog waste issue, we saw an opportunity lighten up and have some fun with the message. We hope you'll get a chuckle out of it, and share it with your friends and neighbors. (The poop fairy's even on Facebook!) Together, we can debunk the poop fairy myth and clean up our county.

— Sheriff Ted Mink

Westridge Sign Needs Repair!

The Westridge sign at the S. Kipling and Alamo Pl. entrance is in dire need of repair and we are looking for a Westridge woodworker, or someone who knows of a woodworker who might be interested in repairing or replacing it. Call Cathy at 303-973-4624.

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— Nancy Hennessey,
School Secretary, Westridge Elementary



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COHOPE Draft Minutes for June 1 Meeting**Special Reports:**

Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Sheriff, gave the crime overview. There has been a recurrence of Storage Facility break-ins. Copper pipe has been removed from empty homes. On May 13th, 14th, and 18th, there was a string of damage caused by dry ice bombs. There were fewer unlocked vehicle trespasses; perhaps because the weather has warmed up. There were burglaries, felony theft, and criminal mischief incidents. National Night Out is Aug. 2; the first Tuesday. If you want someone from the Sheriff's Department to attend a local event, contact Gordon.

What should you do when kids are playing in the street? Call it in. *What is felony theft?* It is when the value of the item(s) is \$1,000 or more. *What are the curfew hours?* They are year round for anyone under 18 years of age. Sun. – Thur., they cannot be out after 11:00 p.m. Fri. and Sat., they cannot be out after midnight. Exceptions are for work or an official event such as a school event. *Have you ever gotten any calls on the Cops and Robbers game?* It is like hide and seek. No.

Jim Kerr, Colorado State Representative, was tonight's speaker. The graffiti bill passed! The governor should sign it tomorrow. His accomplishments include passing 11 bills. 5 bills were killed. The graffiti bill passed. He also worked on early childhood advisory, public highway authority, Legislative Audit, and Developmentally Disabled protection. The PERA bill was killed. PERA consists of 22% of the state budget which is allocated for retirement funding. He wanted 3 members of the Board to be financial actuaries.

He is the chair of the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs and a member of Health and Environment, Legislative Audit, and Legislative Council committees. The State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committee gives a fair hearing for bills that are not liked.

They were working on redistricting the congressional districts. But a filibuster broke it in the Senate. So we don't have one. And it will be settled in the courts. They have been working on it since day 1. Reapportionment for the senate districts is due in Oct. Jefferson County, City and County of Denver, southeast Colorado, and the western slope will lose a seat. Adams County,

Weld County, and Douglas County will gain a seat. Each district should have about 74K people. This is done every 10 years.

Why don't we require IDs for voters? If someone is here legally, they are entitled to vote. There was a bill to have election judges verify each voter's ID, but it failed in the Senate.

They have stopped junkets being allowed by Pinnacle Insurance. There was a bill on unscrupulous roofers, but it was killed after a writer was attached.

On the medical marijuana issue, we passed legislation that allows people to have a Class 1 narcotic. This is illegal per the Federal government. The state could be held for abetting these people in court. Jim would like to see the federal laws enforced or removed from the books. And in the later case, it should be placed under the purview of the FDA.

Another important issue is education. 43% of the state budget (about 11K per student) goes to K-12 education. This includes Children at Risk and special needs monies.

What is the problem with the legislation on beer? *Why can't we buy beer at the grocery store?* The 18th Amendment in 1933 legislated that no one could sell alcohol. Every state has its own Blue Laws. Colorado Blue Laws state that a store that sells alcohol can have only 1 owner and 1 location. This would have to be changed to allow sales in grocery stores. And if it was allowed, then most liquor stores would go out of business. The bill was very contentious and failed. *What about the collection of rain water?* You can now collect "gray" water. That bill passed last year. *What about illegal aliens?* The US Supreme Court upheld in 2006 that companies can be prosecuted that hired illegal aliens. However the Social Security Administration does not verify legality or correctness of provided documents. We need to protect our borders and enforce our laws. *What about beetle kill?* The Forest Department has not done anything about this issue. They are responsible." If Jim were to recommend bills for the next term, it would be for beetle kill and water storage.

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COHOPE Meeting, continued from page 3

Reports from Officers: Roll Call was taken. We had 13 members present and a quorum. Justin Everett, President, discussed next month's speaker, someone from Denver Water. Please send him any questions that you may have for them. He will forward them on so that they can be prepared and we can get answers. In Aug. will be our picnic. In Sept., we will have the PowerPoint presentation Smart Jeffco. In Oct., we will have School Board candidates. In Nov., it is our Annual Meeting. In Dec., we will have our holiday party. Ray Moore, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$2,259.85. He sent in our Summerset registration for this year. It will be held Sept. 16-18. Cheri Paavola, Secretary, presented the May Minutes as written in the newsletter. There was one correction, the date of the meeting was wrong. They were approved with this correction.

Old Business: There is no status change for RTD. Jim Kerr's graffiti bill passed. The governor should sign it tomorrow. The hydroponic gardening center is still there. The politicians will soon be working on "Reapportioning" for the Senate. It is due in October. Kudos.

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