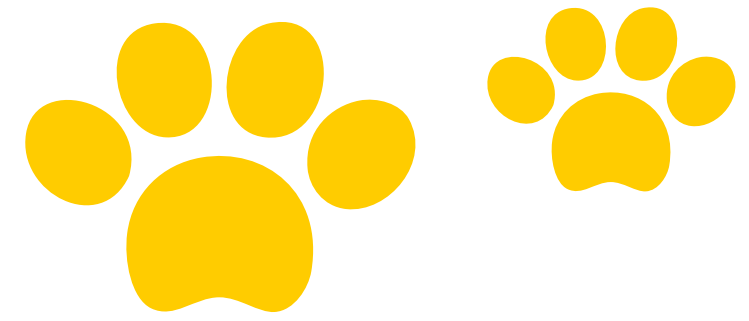


Become an Eco-Friendly Dog Poop Manager

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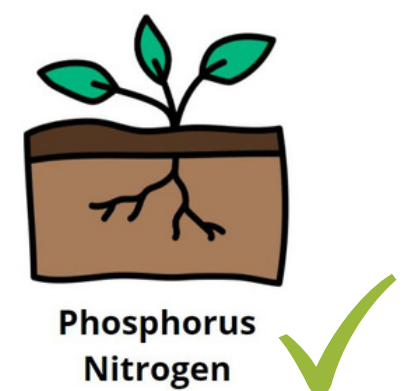


Australia has one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world and dogs are the most popular - 38% of Australian households own a dog.

A medium-sized dog produces about 180 kilograms of poop a year which really mounts up. Today, despite low cost and environmentally-friendly alternatives, most dog poop goes to landfill.



It is not difficult to compost dog poop at home. You just need a little knowledge to choose the right option for you.



Your reward - you become an eco-friendly dog poop manager and you get to recycle nutrient-rich goodies (phosphorus and nitrogen) found in dog poop into your own garden.



IMPORTANT NOTE - Dog poop can cause disease in humans.

Key safety steps when dealing with dog poop

1. **Do not handle** dog poop with bare hands – use a spade or wear gloves. If you have any direct contact with raw dog poop, wash your hands ASAP
2. **Do not use** dog waste compost on or near edible vegetable, herb or food gardens.

HOME DOG POOP COMPOST OPTIONS

Choices we know of:

1. Basic: a compost pit - dig a pit, add poop, then cover over with soil and dig a new pit
2. In garden bins: eg Ensopet Poo Composter, Pet Waste Wizard Biobin, Go Eco Compost bucket, Tumbleweed (partly buried), all are good options or make your own
3. Wheelie bin style: eg Worm Habitat for Dogs and Pooch Loo Wheelie Bin.

Ready made options designed to deal specifically with pet waste start from as little as \$50 but you can easily make your own for less!

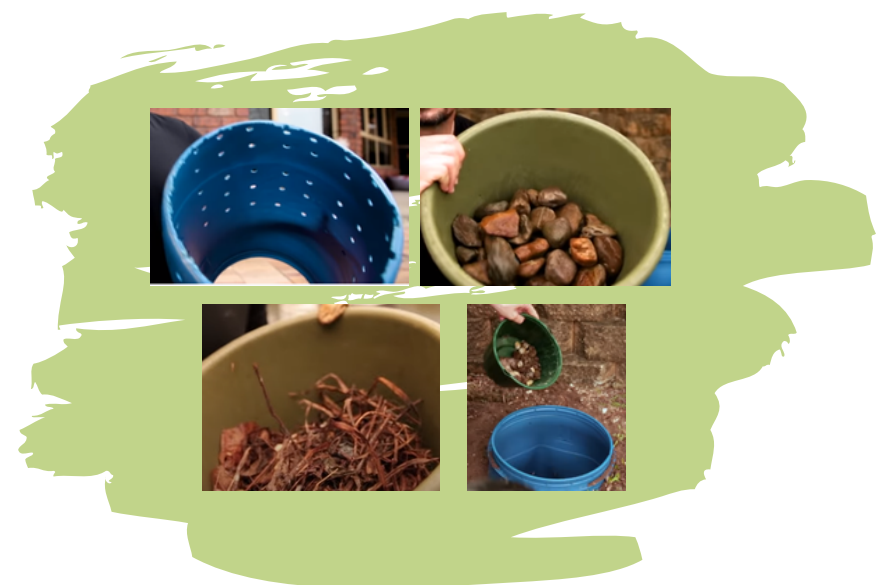


Let time and worms or enzymes do all the work!

Make your own

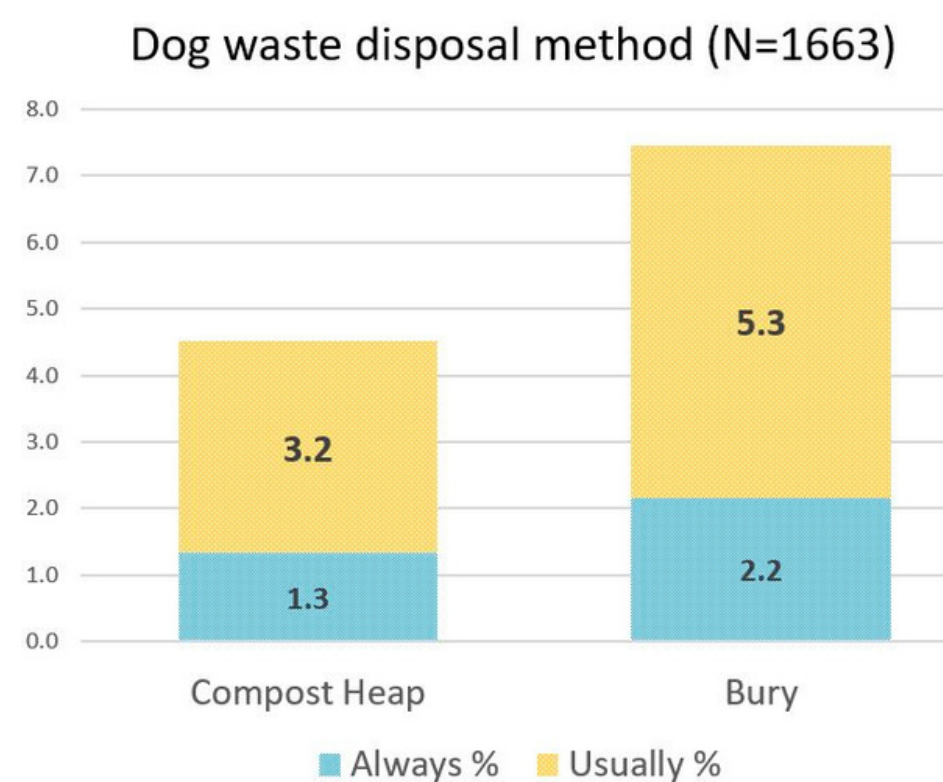
Items you'll need:

- Two metre space away from any food garden
- Drum with an easy off lid
- Drill to make holes in the side of the bin
- Saw to cut the bottom out of the bin
- Shovel to dig your hole
- Someone to dig the hole
- Small rocks to line the bottom to allow drainage
- Leaves and grass cuttings or compost
- Enzyme pet starter (accelerates composting, available in hardware stores and online)



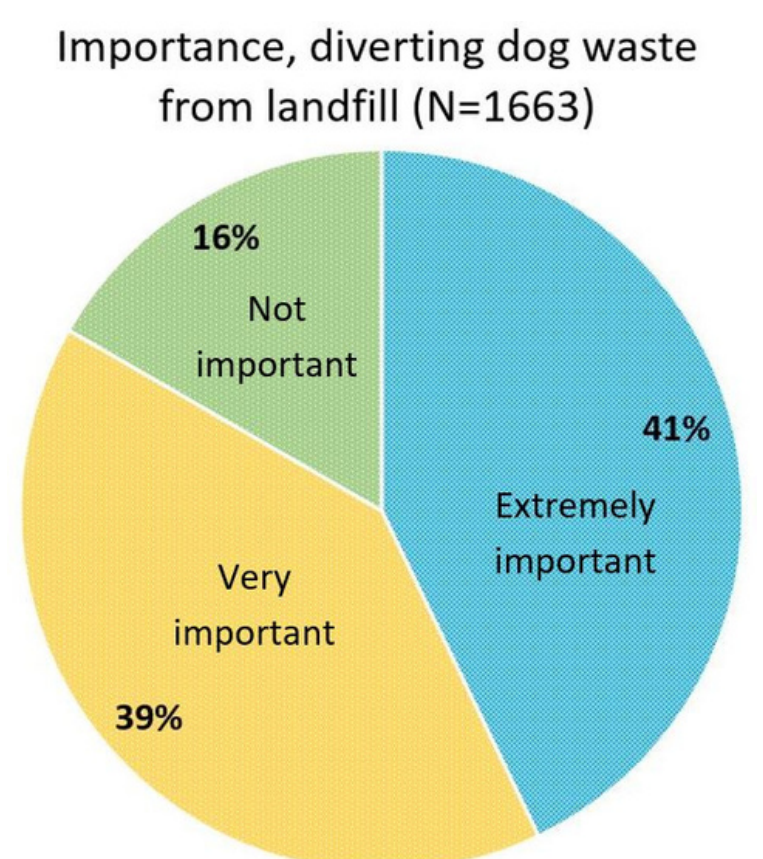
Useful links to make your own

There are numerous links - the Green Hub one is Australian and easy to follow
<https://thegreenhubonline.com/2017/08/08/how-to-make-a-diy-dog-poo-compost/>
Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CnXFB6cWX0>, 8 minutes.



The Port Elliot Dog Waste project surveys in 2019 and 2020 found less than 8% of dog owners 'always' or 'usually' bury their dog waste and less than 5% 'always' or 'usually' use a dog compost system.

80.6 % of dog owners feel that diverting the amount of dog waste going to landfill is extremely or very important.



This brochure has been produced as part of the Port Elliot Dog Waste project funded by a community environment grant in 2019.

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