



New Dog Waste Receptacles Installed Across City in Partnership with Steamboat Digs Dogs

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 18, 2018-Twenty new dog waste receptacles have been installed to replace the PVC pipes that housed plastic trash bags throughout the trails and parks of the City of Steamboat Springs. The program is part of the ongoing partnership between the city and Steamboat Digs Dogs.

“We have worked very hard to get trial areas to walk and play with our dogs and we do not want to lose this privilege because of few inconsiderate people,” said Kathy Connell with Steamboat Digs Dogs. “We’re asking the public to remind people how important it is to pick up poop and not let your dog roam. We hope our efforts are changing the culture towards responsible dog ownership.”

The new dispensers are made by BioBag and the eco-friendly compostable dog waste bags do not contain any polyethylene-based ingredients. BioBags decompose within 40 days in a well-functioning composting environment. By comparison, it takes more than 100 years for normal plastic bags to decompose

The BioBag dispenser program was jump started by the generous donation from Laura Brewer whose mission is to encourage dog waste composting in Steamboat Springs. Based on the number of registered dogs in Steamboat Springs, 1.5 million pounds of dog waste is produced annually.



Steamboat Digs Dogs is soliciting sponsors for the first 20 dispensers and an additional 15 that will be purchased for the balance of locations. The sponsorships will cover the cost of the dispensers and BioBags. Businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor one of these dispensers should contact Kathy Connell at kconnell@resortgroup.com.

This program is just a small part of a larger education program that continues to take place for residents and visitors concerning the need to pick up dog waste that contaminates soils and waterways and to be responsible dog owners.

Throughout this winter, many yellow signs have been added to walking trails and off leash areas. Steamboat Digs Dogs volunteers have consistently helped pick up dog waste in these areas and believe the signs have worked to remind people to pick up their dog waste. The group notes that there is much less waste left behind this winter than in years before. In an effort to continue their efforts, a Dog Poop pick-up day is planned for early May.

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