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**PET WASTE  
MODEL ORDINANCE**

**APRIL 2003**

**WHIPPANY RIVER WATERSHED ACTION COMMITTEE  
P.O. Box 223  
Morristown, N.J. 07963-0223**

## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent the deterioration of water resources within the \_\_\_\_\_, County of Morris. It is recognized that dogs, cats and other household animals may cause non-point source pollution if their waste is not properly managed. The public health and welfare can be negatively affected by pet owners who do not pick up after their pets.

## **2 Findings**

It has been determined that one of the underlying causes for the degradation of water quality is the coliform generated by uncontrolled pet waste. Therefore, it is hereby determined that the proper management of pet waste shall be a matter which is regulated in order to protect the health and safety of the residents of \_\_\_\_\_.

## **3. Restrictions**

- a. No person owning or in charge of any dog, cat or other animal shall cause or allow such dog, cat or other animal to soil, defile, defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property, without the permission of the owner.
- b. Any person owning or in charge of any dog, cat or other animal, which soils, defiles, defecates on, or commits any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without permission of the owner of the property, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog, cat or other animal in a sanitary manner.
- c. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated areas shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of any dog, cat or other animal, in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leakproof container.

## **4. Enforcement**

- a. Any person who violates the provisions of Subsection 3 (a) through Subsection 3 (c) shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

b) The provisions of Subsection 3 (a) through Subsection 3 (c) shall be enforced by police officers of \_\_\_\_\_, the Health Officer, and such other personnel of the Health Department as are directed to enforce this section by the Health Officer.