



Undergraduate Student Government, Kent Campus

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A Resolution to Help Reduce Canine Waste on Kent Campus

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

Whereas, students and community members are failing to properly dispose of canine waste on the University grounds. Students and groundskeeping personnel have raised concerns about this problem and improperly disposed of canine waste poses a public health and safety risk to all students, faculty, and members of the community; and

Whereas, Kent State University has become a dog-friendly campus with the presence of service-dog-training organizations, such as 4 Paws for Ability and Freedom Paws, as well as the therapy dog program Dogs on Campus Program Pet Therapy, and community members that own service animals, emotional support animals, and pets; and

Whereas, canine waste bag stations placed in high traffic areas can help decrease the amount of canine waste left on the campus. Students and community members may forget or not carry canine waste bags, providing them in high traffic locations on campus will encourage use; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and Environmental Management states that dog waste pollutes local water systems with harmful pathogens that can spread disease and viruses to both other animals and humans¹. Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and can be transmitted to other animals²; and

Whereas, groundskeepers may accidentally put their hands and/or equipment in canine waste that can be hidden in flowers, grass, and other areas. Picking up canine waste creates more work for groundskeepers and the waste negatively affects the visual appearance of the University; and

Whereas, other universities and colleges have implemented dog waste stations such as Morehead University, as well as community facilities and apartments in Kent, such as University Oaks; and

Therefore, Let it be Resolved by the Undergraduate Student Government, Kent Campus, acting in full session, that Undergraduate Student Government:

1. Encourages the members of the Kent community to clean up after their dogs on campus by using canine waste bag stations.
2. Will provide the initial funding to purchase eleven dog waste stations that attach to designated garbage cans throughout campus in locations agreed upon by Kent State Facilities Planning and Operations and Groundskeeping.
3. Has an agreement with the student organization 'Paw for a Cause' to fund replacement bags and restock the stations as needed for as long as they are an student organization on Kent campus.
 - a. In the event that 'Paw for a Cause' student organization dissolves, USG will assume funding responsibility for replacement bags.
4. Direct the Senator At-Large for Sustainability to be of assistance to KSU groundskeeping in refilling the stations with bags as needed by checking designated stations weekly on Friday rotations.

1 Rhode Island Stormwater Solutions. Accessed October 10, 2018.

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/Pet%20Care%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

2 James City County. "Pet Waste Collection Stations." Accessed October 10, 2018

<https://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2773/Pet-Waste-Collection-Stations-PDF>

BUDGET

	Product	Price	Quantity	Total
Stations	Pet Waste Co Dispenser	\$75.70	11	\$832.70
First Supply	PET WASTE ROLL BAGS 12 ROLL CASE 2400 BAGS (PWC-003)	\$74.99	2	\$149.98
Extra	X	X	X	\$300

Total: \$1,282.68

Product Links:

https://www.amazon.com/Waste-Dispenser-Free-BD-3000-PWC-012/dp/B01C4F14C4/ref=sr_1_33?s=petsupplies&ie=UTF8&qid=1538679448&sr=1-33&keywords=pet+waste+bag+dispenser

<https://petwasteco.com/pet-waste-roll-bags-12-roll-case-2400-bags-pwc-003/>

Locations:

As agreed upon with Kent State Facilities Planning and Operations, along with Groundskeeping, stations will be placed on trash cans in the following areas.

- 4 along Esplanade
- 2 on Manchester Field
- 2 on Front Campus
- 3 locations identified by Grounds as currently problematic
 - Tri-Towers (Leebrick)
 - Behind Prentice
 - Dunbar

