

## PETS CARE

High concentrations of pets and other animals (ducks, geese) coupled with an urban environment (large amounts of pavement) can contribute a large amount of pollution to the river. This is because animal waste left on paved surfaces enter the river either directly or through storm drains. Through proper waste management and reducing the overabundance of geese and ducks, bacteria and nutrient pollution from this source can be greatly reduced.

## TIPS

- Cleaning up after your pet is another way to help protect the Rouge River and be a responsible neighbor. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets or yards contain numerous pollutants such as nutrients and bacteria. These pollutants can easily be washed into nearby storm drains and into the River. Discard your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet or throwing it in the trash.
- Use non-toxic alternative to flea powders, if possible. After using a flea collar, dispose of the collar at a household hazardous waste collection site.
- Wash your pet either in the house or the lawn. Don't allow the bath water to enter into the storm drain.