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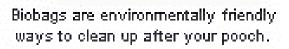
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All dog owners have to deal with it; but none of us want to talk about it. Yes, folks, this is article is article is all about your dog's, um, business.

But think about it: your pooch likely goes outside to do the deed at least three times a day, so let's face it: poop is a pretty prominent part of the life of a pet owner.

Fortunately, some innovative new products on the market make that dirty, gotta-do-it job a bit easier. If you're ever walking your canine friend and don't have pockets for carrying



waste bags — or just tend to forget to stuff one in your coat pocket — there's an easy answer. You can pick up small, plastic baggie carriers (complete with bags and in a cute bone shape) from any local Target store. They clip to your belt, or, better yet, to your dog's collar so you never forget 'em. The carrier with a few bag refill rolls is only \$12.

And if you're environmentally conscious, there's a new alternative to the usual plastic VVal-Mart sack when you're on poop pick-up patrol. A company in California — BioBag — makes 100-percent biodegradable doggie bags that you can throw in your compost pile or simply bury in your backyard as fertilizer. Biobags aren't available at Indy retailers yet, but you can easily order some through the retailers listed at biobagusa.com; they cost about \$24 for 100 bags. Using them might take a little extra work, but think about how many regular plastic bags you burn through in a year of pup clean-up!

