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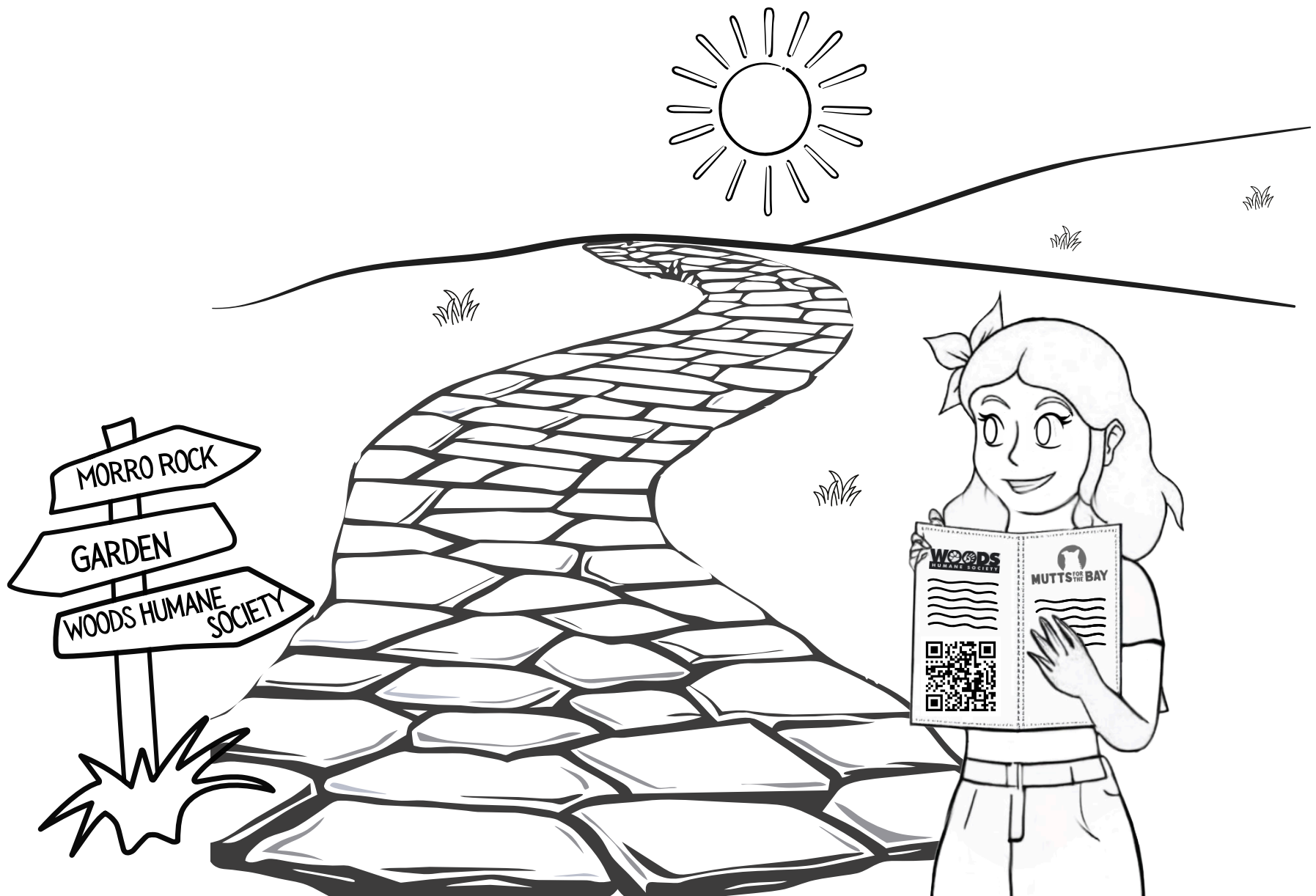
Activity Book

LEARN ABOUT CARING FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT WITH
KAI AND BUDDY!



THIS BOOK WAS CREATED BY THE
MUTTS FOR THE BAY PROGRAM THROUGH THE
MORRO BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM
TO KEEP OUR ESTUARY CLEAN AND HELP
OUR COMMUNITY BECOME ECO-FRIENDLY
DOG OWNERS.





Meet Kai! Kai wants to adopt a dog from her local animal shelter, but she knows having a pet can be a huge responsibility. Help Kai learn how to take care of the environment and become an eco-friendly dog owner!

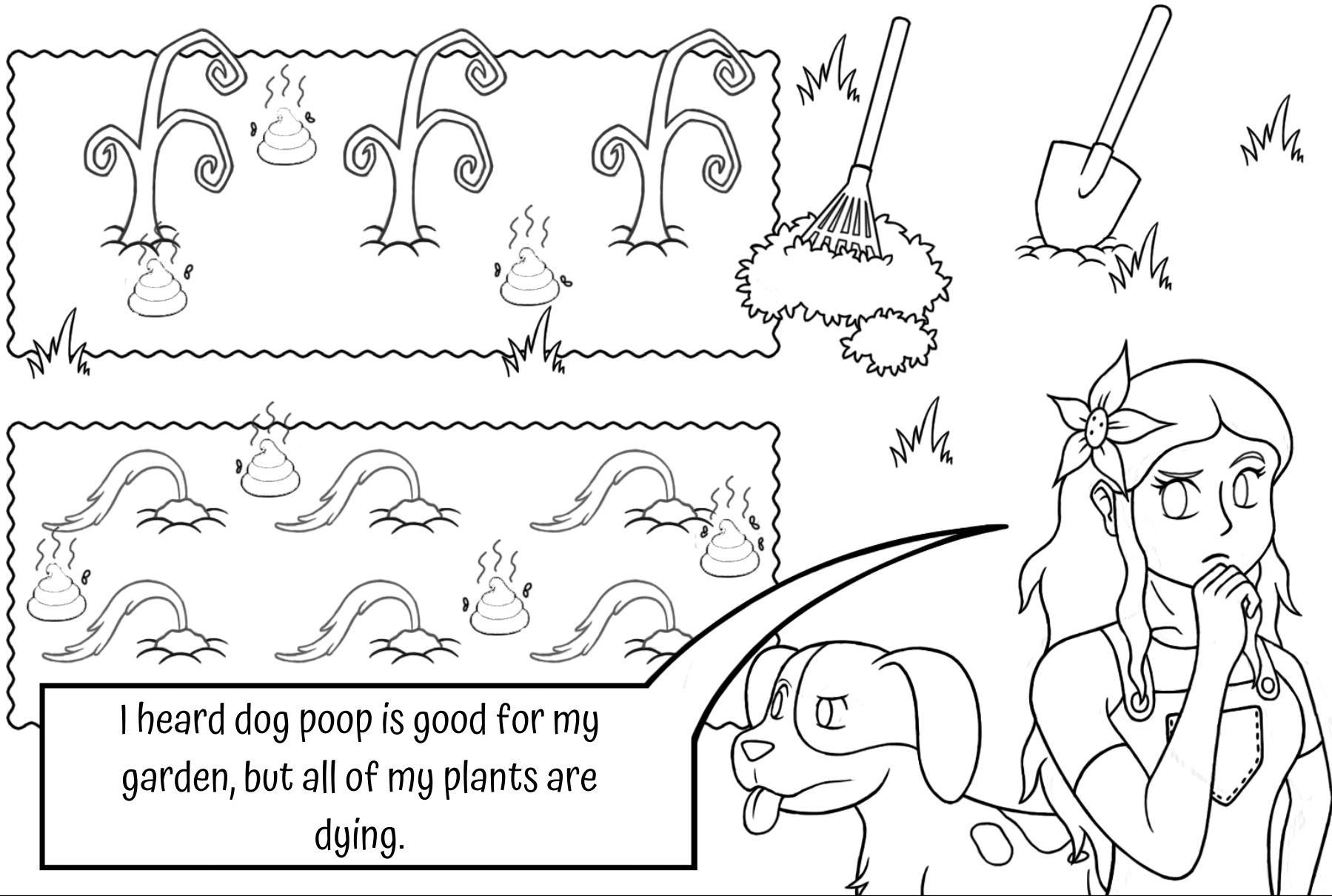


ADOPTION
DAY!

WOODS
HUMANE SOCIETY

I'm going to
name you
"Buddy!"

Kai and her new dog Buddy are so excited to learn how to be eco-friendly and help take care of the Morro Bay estuary!

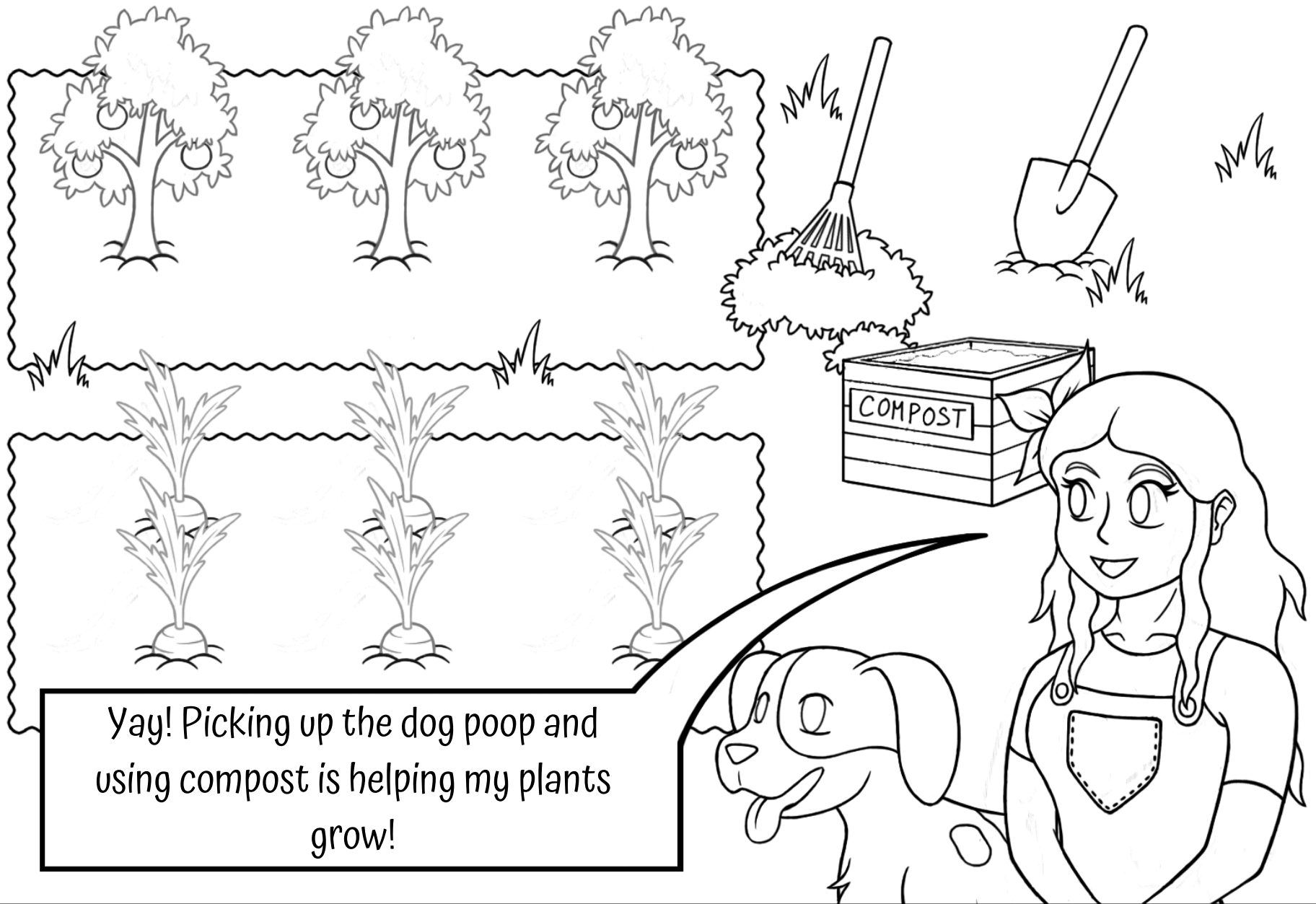


I heard dog poop is good for my garden, but all of my plants are dying.

Kai heard that manure can help plants grow and thought that Buddy's poop would work as fertilizer. Kai didn't know that Buddy's poop is different than manure. The bacteria can actually make her sick and kill the plants.

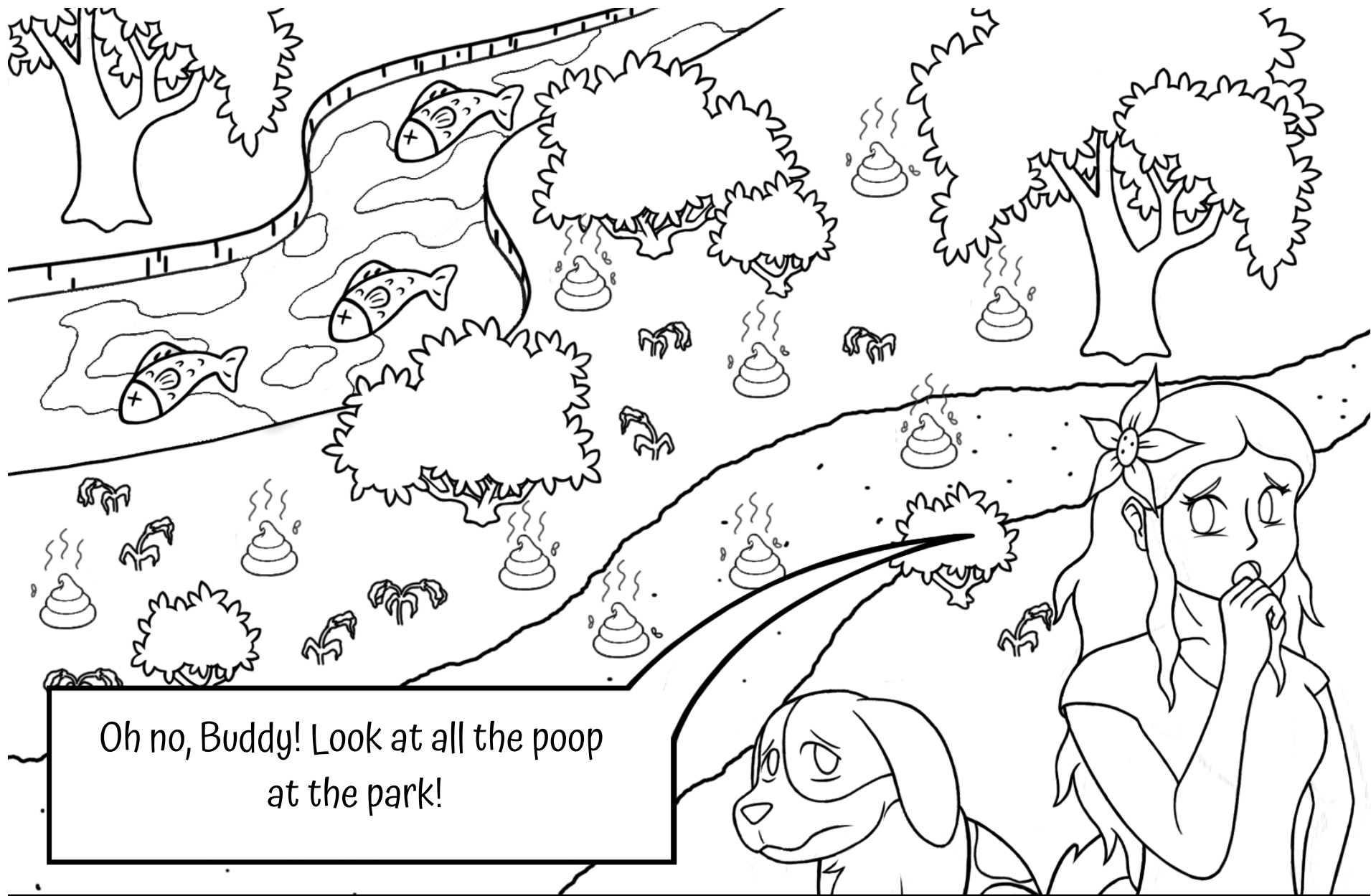
How many piles of poop do you see in the garden to pick up? _____

What else can Kai use to help her plants grow? _____



Yay! Picking up the dog poop and using compost is helping my plants grow!

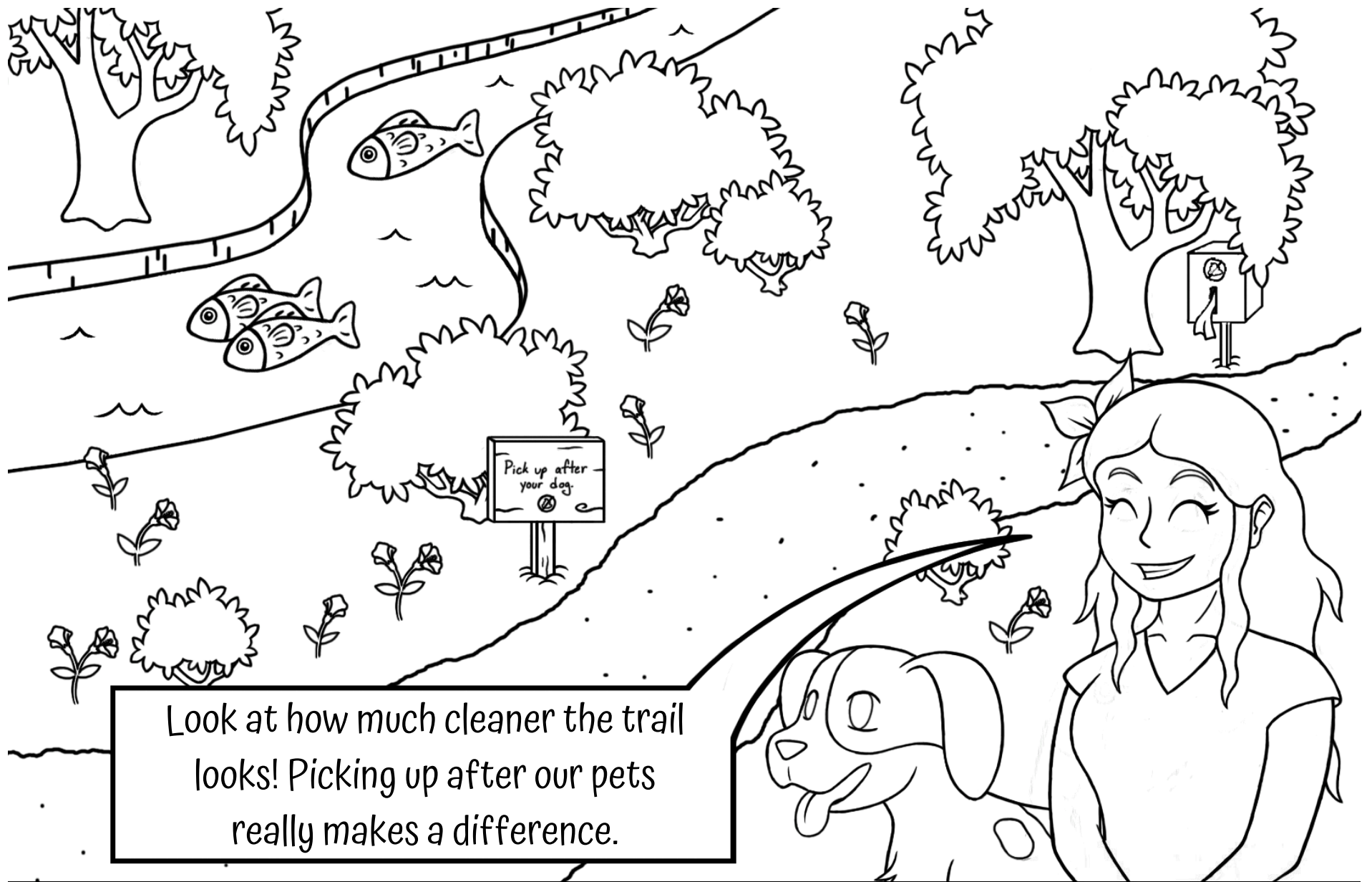
Kai learned how to use compost to make natural fertilizer. She picked up all of Buddy's poop so that the plants are healthier. Now, Kai won't get sick and Buddy can also eat the carrots from the garden!
What is compost? _____



Oh no, Buddy! Look at all the poop
at the park!

Kai and Buddy took a walk through the park and noticed a lot of dog poop on the trail. Kai learned from the Mutts for the Bay Program that dog poop can wash into creeks and the ocean. This makes the water dirty, and people and wildlife can get sick from the bad water.

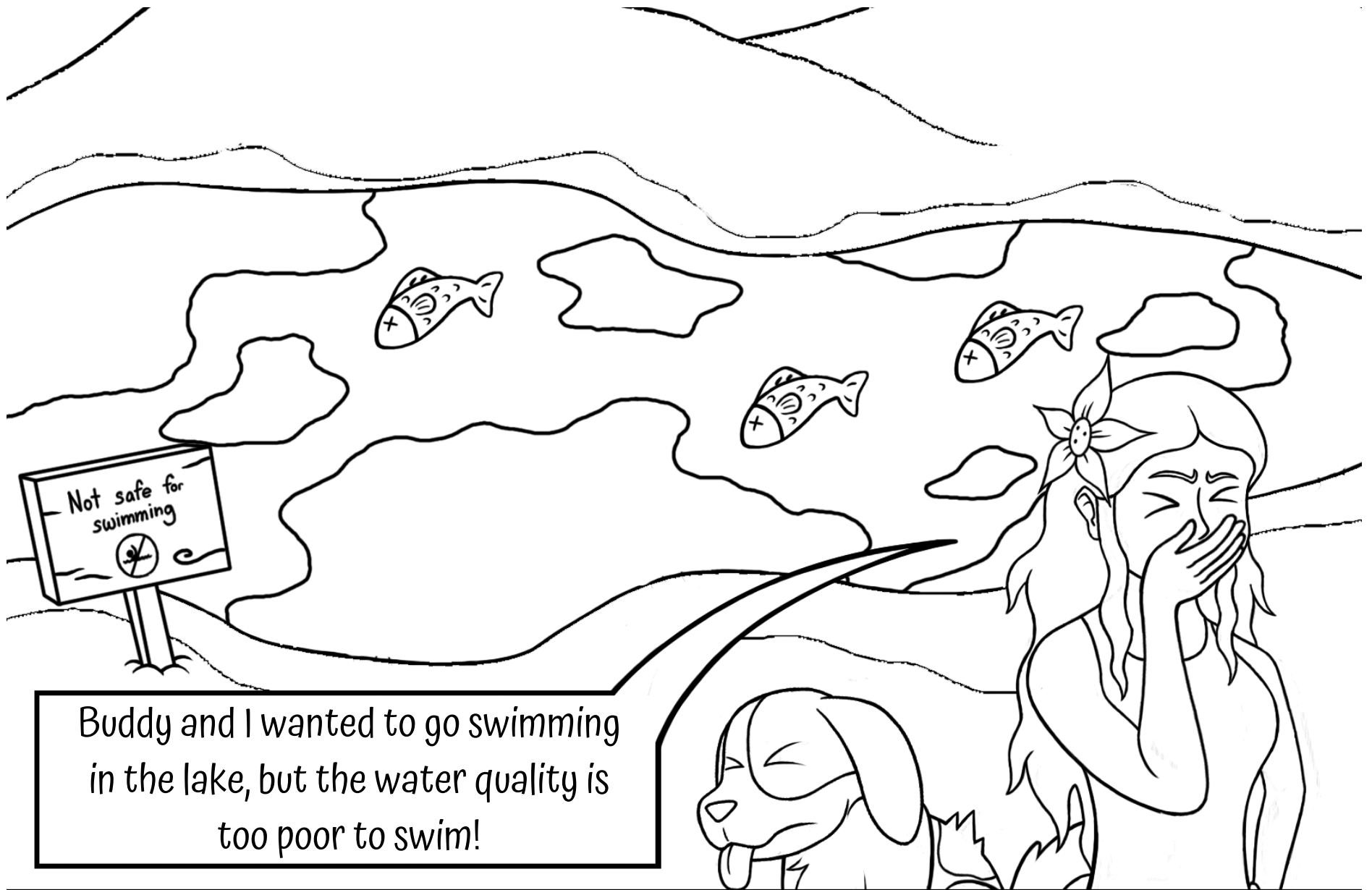
What could Kai and Buddy do to reduce the amount of dog poop on the trail? _____



Look at how much cleaner the trail looks! Picking up after our pets really makes a difference.

Kai was concerned about the poop and water quality in the park. She talked to other dog owners, and they worked together with the Mutts for the Bay Program to install a dog poop bag dispenser and trash can on the trail. Now the trail is clean, and the nearby creek has better water quality for healthier wildlife!

What should you have with you every time you take your dog on a walk? _____



Buddy and I wanted to go swimming in the lake, but the water quality is too poor to swim!

Kai and Buddy wanted to go swimming on a hot summer day, but they found out that the lake had been closed! All of the dog poop left on the ground has made the lake unsafe to swim in. The fish were dying, and the lake had green algae growing on the surface.

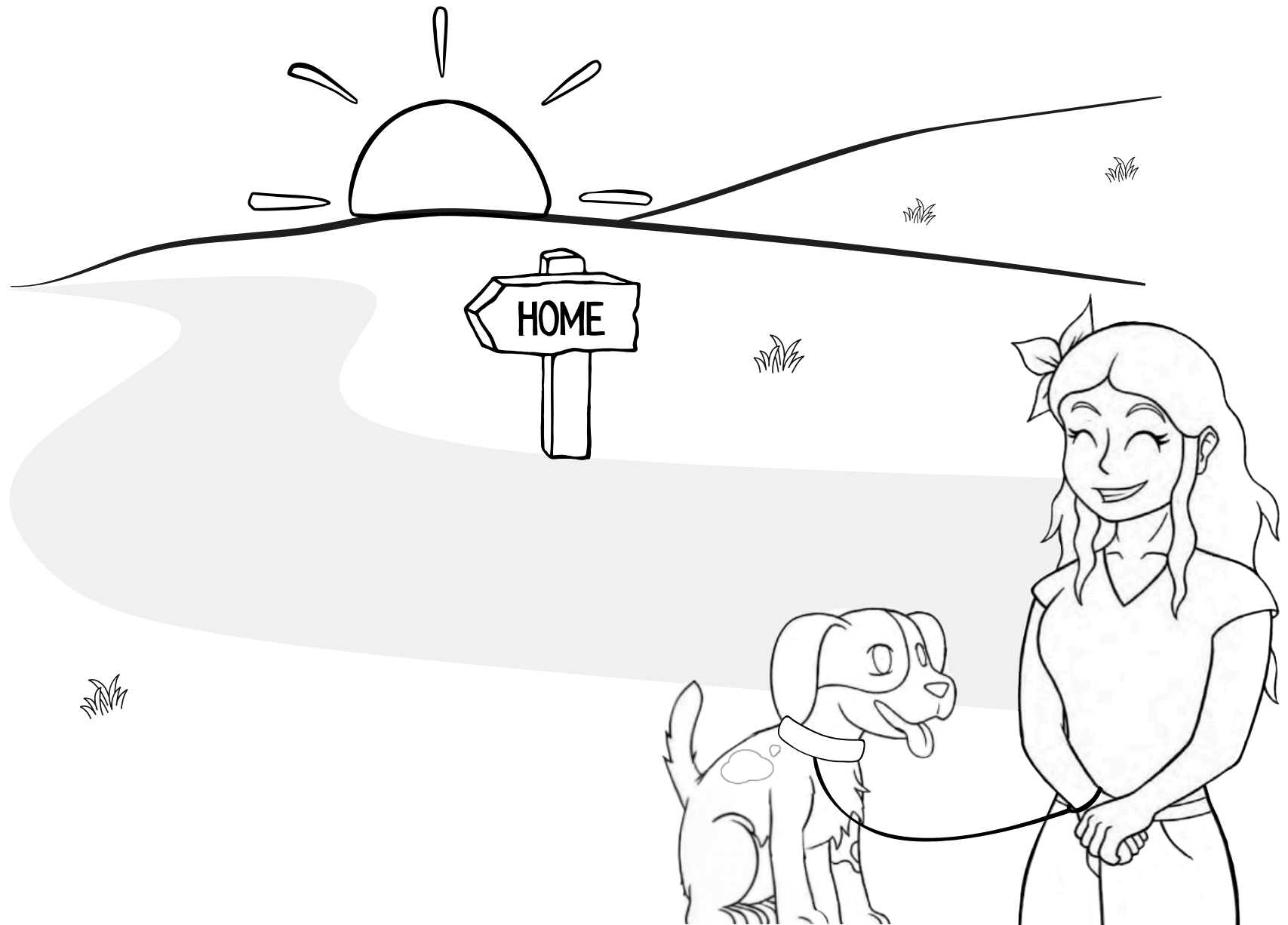
What do you think caused the lake to be too dirty for swimming? _____



The dog poop bag dispenser helped people pick up after their dogs! The water is safe to swim in again!

Thankfully, the community soon realized that dog poop was a big problem for the water quality of the lake. People and wildlife around the lake were getting sick from the contaminated water. The community installed a dog poop bag dispenser and educated dog owners about picking up after their pets. Now Kai and Buddy can swim in the lake!

What other things can you do to help the environment? _____



Kai and Buddy now know the importance of cleaning up after your dog and how to keep the environment clean. Kai is so excited to take Buddy home as an eco-friendly dog owner!

THANK YOU FOR
LEARNING WITH US!



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