

**BOYLE:** Athlete is a four-year varsity starter for Outlaws

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built on an old army base, and just walking from the dorm to the field took 20 minutes. I just couldn't picture myself there," she said.

At the time Boyle was visiting these two colleges, she had never even heard of the U of R. Molly first heard of the university while participating in a tournament last summer. After the tourney, U of R's assistant coach, Su Delguercio, emailed Boyle and told her they'd seen her play and were going to continue to watch her.

"I sent them game film and then I talked or texted with Delguercio every day throughout the summer," said Boyle.

Molly told *The Nugget* she researched the school and their academics and fell in love with it just reading about it. She was invited to Redlands for an official visit and made the trip last October. Molly was able to spend two nights with the team, watch practices, and sit in on a couple of classes that related to her major (sports management).

The team welcomed Boyle with open arms.

"I immediately felt the great team chemistry and I felt comfortable and accepted," said Boyle. "But there was no mention of me playing for them at the time, and I didn't hear a word from

them until Thanksgiving break. By that time I'd already submitted my application to attend there. The head coach, Suzette Suboti, emailed me and told me that if I was accepted they wanted me to play for them.

"I received my acceptance letter the day before Christmas Eve. I let the coach know and she told me right away that she'd love to have me on the team."

Division 3 schools are not allowed to give athletic scholarships, but Molly was offered a generous academic scholarship (\$22,000) which will help off-set the yearly cost.

Boyle has played almost every position on the field, but prefers to play defense.

"It looks like the positions that are open are forward and midfield," said Boyle. "I'll take any position I can get. I just want to get as many minutes on the field as possible."

Molly will head to California in August and will begin practice as a Bulldog. She's excited that her first pre-season games of the year will be in Oregon against Willamette and Pacific University.

"Last year the women's team won their conference and made it to the second-round of the NCAA National Championships," said Boyle. "I'm excited I get to be part of such a great team. On the other hand, I'm really nervous because I've never lived anywhere but Sisters, but I'm extremely excited to play for them. I get butterflies just thinking about it."



**Paw Prints**

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**Picking up after your pup**

You're out walking Fido on a beautiful spring day with your usual doggie waste baggies tucked in your back pocket. You head out to the park and just when you and Fido are walking through the freshly cut grass, you almost slip after stepping in a big pile of dog poop, left by some less-considerate pet parent.

It's not just a huge annoyance, but an actual health hazard. Cities and neighborhoods know about this problem and keep a supply of dog waste baggies near the parks for anyone to use all year round. Yet the problem still remains. (*See Letters to the Editor, page 31.*)

Cleaning up after your furry friend can be a stinky job, but someone's got to do it. Sanitation and cleanup are also important facets of being a responsible pet parent. Picking up after your pooch is high on the list of dog-walking etiquette, along with walking Fido on a leash and keeping him under

control during walks.

Cleaning up after Fido shows respect for your neighbors and the community. Some people think it's OK to leave dog waste because it will break down naturally. However, the biodegrading process is very slow, and, especially in places where the dog population is high, dog waste can accumulate faster than it breaks down. Dog waste is not fertilizer.

Did you know that dog poop is a major contributor to stormwater pollution?

Scientists have discovered that dog waste is a major cause of water pollution and therefore poses a hazard to human health. Rain and melting snow flows across yards, dog parks, down trails, etc. on its way to creeks via the streets and storm drains. Dog poop contains bacteria and is high in nitrogen and phosphorus (nutrients that negatively affect the water).

Dog waste also contains disease-transmitting organisms such as roundworms, and bacteria such as E. coli, and in sufficiently high amounts these bacteria can make people sick. Intestinal bacteria commonly found in dogs and cats (regardless of the type of food they are consuming) include E. coli, salmonella, clostridia and campylobacter. These bugs don't cause problems in healthy pets, but they can cause intestinal disease in humans. The bacteria are present in your pet's poop.

Most human infections from these bacteria are the result of someone coming in contact with pet feces on their hands, and then



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touching their mouth or face. Children who play on the ground outside are particularly at risk.

Just like littering, it's unlawful in Central Oregon to NOT pick up after your dog, and your violation is subject to a fine.

The quickest way to get rid of your furry friend's waste is to put it in a plastic bag, which you can usually find at parks in dispensers. Then just drop the bag in a trash can.

You can make a difference by being a responsible pet parent. Be prepared. Carry bags with you to pick up pet waste. And it's a good idea to carry a few extras with you in case you meet someone in need. Please do not leave bags on the side of trails — there isn't anyone designated to pick them up!

By routinely picking up after your pet, you are part of the solution. And your actions will help convey the message that it's the right thing to do.

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