

Lower Allen Township's

# Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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***Meet Willow: Philadelphia's Spokesdog for  
Dog Waste & Water Quality***

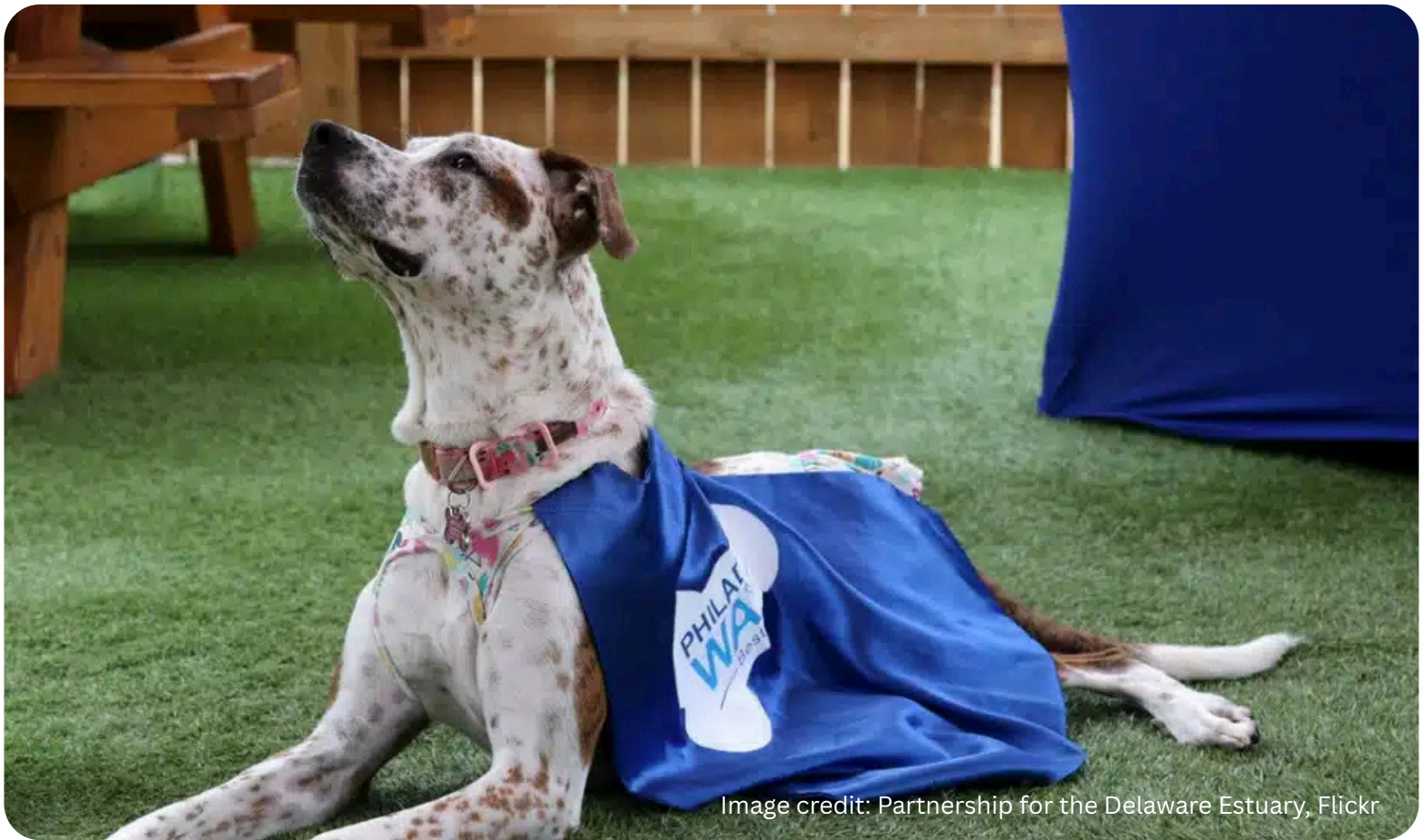


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Philadelphia in June is a time of Phillies Baseball, Zoo babies, and looking for the spokesdog for water quality. In this year's contest, Willow won the title of Philadelphia's Spokesdog and is now tasked with educating dog owners on the importance of picking up dog waste. Twenty dogs competed for the top dog spot! Owners answered trivia questions about health risks and financial costs of improper dog waste disposal, while dogs performed tricks and strutted in costumes to determine the winner.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, two to three days of dog waste from 100 dogs can produce enough bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorous to close a bay from swimming and shell fishing. Imagine if that same concentration were in the Yellow Breeches Creek from the many dogs that reside in Lower Allen Township.