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# Dog Poop Girl

"**Dog Poop Girl**" aka Dog dung girl, aka Dog shit girl, aka Dog poop girl, aka Dog Excrement girl aka 남똥녀 (Korean pronounced gae-ttong-nyeo) are some of the English-translated names, given by South Korean bloggers, of a woman who refused to clean up when her dog defecated on the floor of a Seoul Metropolitan Subway car.

Another subway rider offered the woman a tissue, which she promptly used to clean the dog off.

When other passengers suggested she clean up the mess, she ignored the requests and departed the subway at the next stop.

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## EyeWitness Testimony

One passenger known only as Miss Kim recorded what she saw<sup>[1]</sup>:

*The dog pooped right next to the old man and [the girl] was embarrassed so she said to dog, "What's wrong? You have not done that before!" She had many bags to carry so she was embarrassed. She didn't know what to do at the time. So my girlfriend took out a tissue from her bag and gave it to her and the old man, me and my girlfriend, gave her some space. She said thank you. And she sat down and cleaned the dog's anus with the tissue. I was ten meters distance from her. "Hey, you have to clean the poop, too. If you bring the dog, you have to be responsible for that," I yelled at her.*

*From that time, people started paying attention to her. The ajumma [old woman] who was near her, said, "Hey, you have to clean! Clean! Clean the poop!" The ajumma pushed and threw a red rag at her to use to clean.*

*I took out my camera and I was taking pictures and*

Dog Poop Girl



**Picture Taken On:**

June, 2005

**Place:**

Seoul, Korea on the Seoul Metropolitan Subway, somewhere close to Ahyun Station, On Line 2.

**Behind the Camera:**

Subway passenger.

**In the picture:**

Dog Poop Girl

[ NO VIDEO ]

*pushing her to clean the poop, but she didn't say anything. She was just looking at her dog and petting it. The subway way train got to Ahyun Station and when the doors open, she got off. At that time, she said something rude to the ajumma.*

## Public reaction to the incident

Unfortunately for the young woman, Miss Kim used that camera and took a photograph of her and her dog<sup>[2]</sup>, and posted it on a popular Korean website. The photo quickly became one of the most popular image searches on popular Korean web portals. Soon [Internet vigilantes](#) began closely examining the picture for any clue as to the woman's identity, and within days, she had been identified and much of her personal information was exposed on the Internet in an attempt to punish her for the offense. A [University website](#) that the women supposedly attended crashed as millions emailed the University to express their outrage. The University was forced to issue a plea to the public to stop emailing as the Dog Poop Girl wasn't a student there.

The story received mainstream attention when it was widely reported in South Korean media, and was discussed in Korean communities in the United States as well. The public humiliation led the woman to quit her university, according to reports<sup>[3]</sup>.

## Concerns

The reaction by Korean netizens to the incident prompted several Korean newspapers to run editorials voicing concern over [Internet vigilantism](#). One paper said that the woman was the victim of a "cyber-posse, tracking down norm violators and branding them with digital Scarlet Letters." Another called it an "Internet witch-hunt," and went on to say that "[t]he Internet is turning the whole society into a kangaroo court."

The implications for personal privacy were also raised. Some said that posting the woman's picture was acceptable, but that posting her personal information was inappropriate. Others said that her face should have been obscured in the widely circulated picture, in order to protect her identity.



The Dog who started it all. With the girl's apology. [\[edit\]](#)  
Roughly translated:

*I know I was wrong, but you guys are so harsh. I'm regret it, but I was so embarrassed so I just wanted to leave there. I was very irritable because many people looked at me and pushed me to clean the poop. Anyhow, I'm sorry. But, if you keep putting me down on the Internet I will sue all the people and at the worst I will will commit suicide. So please don't do that anymore.*



Good samaritans clean up the [\[edit\]](#)  
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## See also

- [Internet phenomenon](#)
- [Star Wars Kid](#) -- a Canadian teenager becomes known as the Star Wars Kid after video of him swinging a golf ball retriever leaks onto the Internet and becomes an Internet phenomenon
- Dan Hoyt, man who was photographed masturbating on the New York Subway.

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## External links

- [A timeline of how the media reported the story](#)
- [The woman's apology](#) , in Korean, with a picture of the dog
- [A remixed Dog Poop Girl poster](#)
- [Another remixed Dog Poop Girl poster](#) , by parodylab.com

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