



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## MWRD collects 160 pounds of human, pet meds

Pet medications are as equally harmful to the waterways as human medications. To remove these elements from possibly entering treatment plants and area waterways, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) participated in the ninth "Got Drugs" collection held in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration on Sept. 20.

Staff collected 160 pounds of expired or unwanted medications from Cook County residents that were delivered to the Stickney, Calumet and O'Brien Water Reclamation Plants. All totaled, nine boxes of both human and pet medications were collected.

"Every little bit helps," said President Kathleen Meany. "Any medication that does not enter the treatment plants or waterways is a good thing."



6 year old Scottish Terrier, "Fergus"



2 year old Scottish Fold, "Joy"

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Our Water Environment: **Take it personally**

Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org)) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.