

A decorative border of ice cream cones surrounds the page. The cones are arranged in a rectangular frame, with the top and bottom edges being solid lines of cones, and the left and right edges being dashed lines of cones.

Doggy bag

A "doggy bag" is a container used to take leftover food home from a restaurant so that the food doesn't go to waste.

Examples

1. Imagine you're at a restaurant, and you can't finish your meal/food. You can ask the waiter for a "doggy bag" to take the extra food home.
2. If you go to a party and there's a lot of cake left, you might take a piece in a "doggy bag" to enjoy later.
3. Suppose you're at a family gathering, and there's extra poon choi. You could use a "doggy bag" to take some home.

Where it came from

The phrase started during World War II in the United States. Back then, it was essential to reduce food waste. Some restaurants gave customers waxed paper bags to take home their leftover food, often for their dogs. That's why it's called a "doggy bag." Another story says it began in a New York restaurant in 1949, with a bag featuring the owner's dog.

Why it's important

"Doggy bag" reminds us of the importance of reducing food waste. It encourages us to think about how we can use leftovers wisely.