Can doggy bags save the world?

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Since it is always a good idea to get some perspective, I decided to call on my mother, who has known the "doggy bag tradition" since she was a child, and ask her about the origins of this unusual custom.

"I have no idea," my mother said. "I just know that doggy bags are for taking food home."

Although this may be true, it seems that this tradition is much more complex than it appears. It is a tradition that has its roots in the ancient Japanese past, and it is a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation.

"It is a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation," my mother said. "My mother told me that doggy bags were invented by the ancient Japanese, and that they were used to take food home from the market.""