

HOW-TO TREAT DOG

SPOTS IN YOUR LAWN

A dog is a man's best friends - except when it damages the man's perfect lush green grass. However, if your pup has relived himself in your lawns, there's no need to despair. With a little effort, your fur friend can become your lawn's best friend, too

Dog spots in your lawn are caused by the nitrogen in your dog's urine. While appropriate quantities of nitrogen are good for grass, too much nitrogen will cause the grass to wilt and die. We compiled a few tips to help you remediate your 'wee problem', and bring your lawns back to pristine perfection.

STEP 1 - DILUTE THE URINE

Immediately after your dog urinates in your lawn, water the spot down with a hose to dilute the urine. This will help to prevent the urine from burning the grass.

STEP 2 - INCREASE WATERING

Water your lawn more frequently to help flush out the nitrogen from the soil. This will help the grass to recover more quickly. Sensor sprinklers can be great for dog owners, as they activate when the dog goes onto the lawn.

STEP 3 - RESEED

Reseed the damaged areas of your lawn with grass seed that is appropriate for your climate and soil type. Some grass seeds are more resistant to dog and pet urine than others, consider fescues and perennial ryegrasses if you have dogs.

STEP 4 - USE A SOIL AMENDMENT

Consider using a soil amendment that is designed to neutralize the nitrogen in your dog's urine. These products are available at many garden centers and pet stores.

STEP 5 - TRAINING

Train your dog to go in one specific area of your lawn, away from your flower beds and other sensitive areas. This will help to minimize the damage caused by urine.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Consider using dog-friendly lawn care products that are less likely to harm your pet.

Be aware of how much fertilizer you use as they're usually rich in nitrogen. Fertilize often, but little.