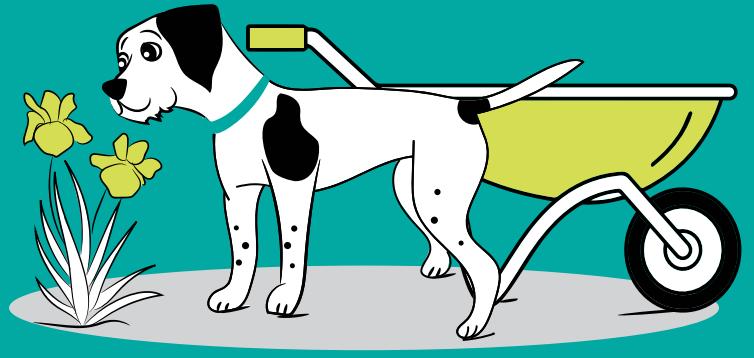


Pet Friendly Gardening Checklist



Avoid Toxic Plants

Irises, Tulips, Daffodils, and many other bulb plants are toxic to dogs and cats, as are *Azaleas, Rhododendron* and *Foxgloves*, which can cause heart problems.



Don't Leave Supplies Unattended

Don't leave bulbs, fertilizer, mulch and gardening tools unattended. Be sure to store these materials out of your pet's reach, or in tamper-proof containers.



Design with Your Dog in Mind

Build paths around garden areas using paw-friendly materials like pea gravel, and avoid path materials with pointed edges or that can get too hot for their paw pads. Use the path to direct your dogs around your garden, and they may reward you by patrolling it and scaring away unwanted wildlife!



Use Pet-Friendly Mulch & Fertiliser

Cocoa bean mulch is toxic to dogs and should be avoided in favour of pet-friendly varieties like pine, cedar, and hemlock. When using fertilizer, be sure to select a more pet-friendly option and follow all instructions regarding wait times when pets should be kept off lawns or away from treated areas.



Healthy Plants You'll Both Love

There are lots of great fruits, vegetables and herbs that you can grow in your backyard that can be enjoyed by everyone in the home, including your fourlegged friends! Here's a short list: *carrots, green beans, squash, parsley and mint!*



Keep 'Em Out

If you do have a garden, your dog will likely want to explore it. A small fence around it can help dog-proof your garden, and persistently training your pet to stay outside of it will be better for their health and the health of your plants!



Stop The Digging!

More walks, runs, or trips to the dog park can work wonders with certain unwanted behaviors, including digging. Some dogs are by nature tenacious diggers, and will require training to reduce this problem behaviour.



Take a Break and Play!

Help your dog channel their pet-up energy into something productive, like a game of fetch or obedience training. Or, if they are more of a lazy pup, take a break in the shade. Let your dog know that gardening isn't just about mom yelling "No, get out!" or "Don't eat that!" It means more enjoyable outdoor time for everyone!