

Outdoor Solutions

Products to help you maintain a green and dog-friendly yard.



Dog Repair Kit covers 101 dog spots on your grass using technology to improve the soil's performance from doggie wear and tear, according to the manufacturer. The 1½-pound bag contains seed, mulch, and soil conditioner to repair spots in your grass.

Loosen the top 2 to 3 inches of soil, sprinkle Dog Repair Kit granules, and gently rake into soil. The kit also includes Sparkle, a seed watering guide, that lets you see when seeds have received enough water.

■ \$5.99, from ENCAP LLC; (877) 405-5050; www.encap.net



Lawn Rescue for Dogs is a chewable supplement designed to balance the pH of your dog's urine to prevent unsightly discoloration where she eliminates on your lawn.

It contains a combination of cranberry, yucca, DL-methionine, and brewers yeast. Cranberry extract also supports proper urinary tract health, according to the manufacturer.

■ \$8.99 (120 chicken liver flavor tablets), from Pet Naturals of Vermont; (888) 340-1995; www.petnaturals.com



ProGreen Synthetic Grass offers a durable, paw-friendly alternative to concrete or grass, and can be installed in your dog's backyard run. Water and urine drain through perforated holes in the turf backing and through a specialized base into the ground. A topical bacteria solution can be sprayed onto the turf to break down organic matter and pet odors.

Available in infill (play sand brushed into fibers to stand up grass blades) and non-infill forms.

■ \$1.40 to \$4.74 (per square foot, depending on type), from ProGreen International Inc.; (888) 440-7888; www.progreen.com



Bradfield Organics Natural Fertilizers are composed of non-synthetic, natural sources of nutrients to grow vigorous plants with deep, robust root systems. Strong plants can resist drought, insects, and disease. Bradfield's fertilizers are safe for children, animals, and the environment.

Five fertilizer products currently available, including Luscious Lawn & Garden 3-1-5, and Luscious Lawn Corn Gluten 9-0-0.

■ \$20 to \$22 (40-pound bag of Luscious Lawn & Garden), from Bradfield Organics; (800) 551-9564; www.bradfieldorganics.com



Dog Spot Eliminator is a soil amendment designed to combat dead spots in your lawn caused by animal urine. Micro-nutrients aid the natural recovery of affected areas, and can be applied over the entire lawn to reduce the intensity of future spots, according to the manufacturer. Safe for pets when used as recommended.

■ \$12.25 to \$15.99 (11-pound container), from The Organic Farm Store Inc.; (866) 420-3222; www.theorganicfarmstore.com



The Pet Patio Potty is a portable dog litterbox that can be customized to blend with your patio or indoor décor. Outdoor units are constructed of sealed redwood or high-density white polyethylene, and come with a water- and fade-resistant Sunbrella canvas cover. The product's layered design consists of a box frame with removable trays positioned over a layer of litter that absorbs both liquid and odor. The trays are designed to hold synthetic turf or gravel. Available in four standard sizes and three model types to accommodate small to large dogs.

■ \$199 to \$599 (depending on size and model), from Doggy Solutions; (303) 777-7195; www.doggysolutions.com

Triple Pet WasteEaze is a liquid supplement designed to neutralize and reduce the odor of your dog's waste and protect your grass from brown spots. A blend of yucca plant extract and anthium dioxide help break up odor-causing compounds, aid in nutrient absorption, and lower the pH levels in your dog's urine, according to the manufacturer. Add a capful of the liquid to your dog's drinking water. Available in 8-, 16-, and 32-ounce bottles.

■ \$6.99 to \$22.99 (depending on size), from Benedent Corp.; (800) 450-4977; www.benedent.com



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