



Repairing Pet-Damaged Lawns

A persistent problem with our canine friends is that they can cause damage to our lawns. This damage becomes evident in the fall, especially after a hot summer. Pet damage, in the form of unsightly spotting and burnt patches of dead grass is primarily caused by two compounds in dog urine: salt, and excess nitrogen from ammonia.

It is best not to fertilize areas where dog urine damage is evident. Surplus nitrogen in fertilizer can cause additional injury to already compromised areas. Spot treating damaged areas by flooding with water via hand watering or a soaker hose will dilute the compounds and leach the salts into the soil, and away from the crown of the plants. During cooler weather, these damaged spots can be repaired by planting new seed.

To repair pet damage, use a small garden spade to loosen the soil. Remove the thatch, and expose the soil to



receive the new grass seed. Then follow the lawn planting instructions from our website:
http://www.stoverseed.com/lawn_from_seed.html

When spring arrives, you can plant warm season spreading grasses like Transcontinental Bermuda Grass or Kikuyu Grass. Both act as self-repairing grasses in burned out lawn areas. In the fall, Tall Fescue and Perennial Ryegrasses have been shown to be more resistant to burning than other grasses. For more information on these varieties visit:

http://www.stoverseed.com/PDFs/whittet_kikuyu_06_2012.pdf

http://www.stoverseed.com/p_turfgrass_80.html

http://www.stoverseed.com/p_turfgrass_50.html

http://www.stoverseed.com/p_turfgrass_57.html

Salad Treats for Your Canine & Feline Companions

Another new item we have released, *Cat Grass*, is designed to bring pleasure to the furry members of the family. This seed enables you to plant a grass specifically formulated for your dogs and cats to munch on so that they leave your precious house plants alone. Ask about it.



1415 East 6th Street • P.O. Box 861715 • Los Angeles, California 90086
Phone: (213) 626-9668 • Toll-Free: (800) 621-0315 • Fax: (213) 626-4920
www.stoverseed.com