



PETSCAPING

Pet friendly **TIPS FOR CREATING THE
~~PERFECT~~ LANDSCAPE
FOR YOU AND YOUR
DOG**

Introduction

As pets become a bigger part of our lives, it makes sense that we should include them in the planning of our home landscapes.

The information found here it by no means an exhaustive list of do's and don'ts, step by step of what's best for pets and people when it comes to landscaping. What I've found in landscapes and life is that it's usually best to strive to leave all things better than you found it , whether that means a landscape, a job or a life situation. And sometimes you just have to "roll with the punches".



Understanding your breed

Or mix of breeds



Breed Types

Characteristics

Landscape Considerations

Herding breeds

Retrievers

Terriers

High Energy

**Maximize exercise space,
include heavy duty pathways
and groundcover**

Herding and Guard breeds

Terriers

Poodles

**Highly intelligent
and active**

**"Working" breeds thrive with
tasks like agility courses and
other active games
fetch**

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Bulldogs

Hound Dogs

Terriers

**Digger or
escape artist**

**Proper fencing and digging
area are must-haves**

**Guard breeds such as Rottweilers,
German Shepherds, Mastiffs,
Akitas, Terriers**

**Territorial or
aggressive**

**Protective fencing and obstructive
shrubs prevent unwanted attacks**

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Landscape Considerations

Poodles and water dogs

Setters and Spaniels

Retrievers and collies

**Loves water
and swimming**

**Consider a pool,
pond, or fountain**

**Cold weather breeds such as
Malamutes, Huskies, Great Pyrenees,
St. Bernards, Newfoundlands, Akitas**

Heat Sensitive

**Breeds with thick fur coats
developed for frigid climates
must have abundant shade
and water sources**

Site Planning





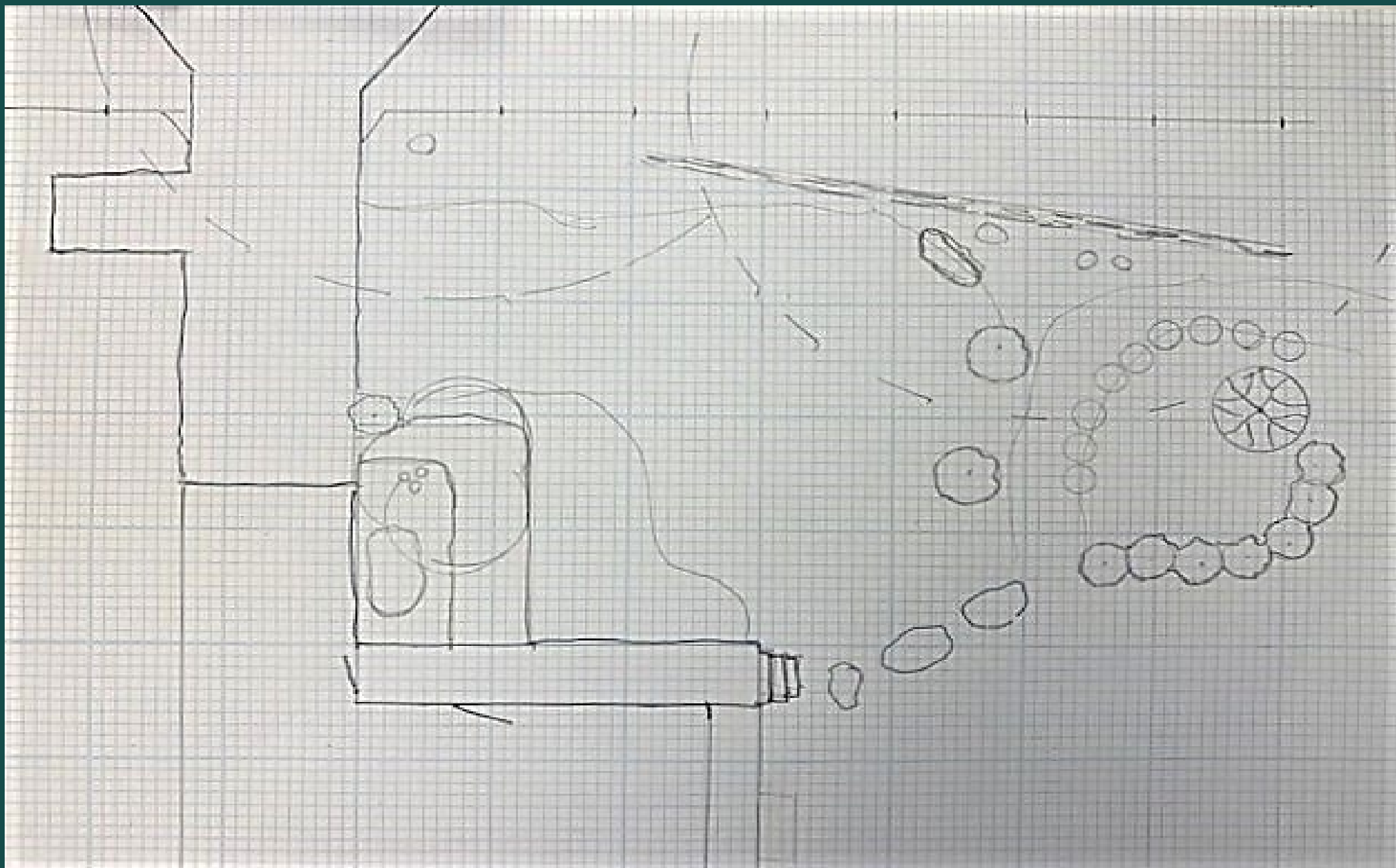
Prioritize and Plan

Your pet will need at bare minimal

- A place to pee and poop
- A safe place to walk, play, run
- Water
- Shelter/shade

What do you need?

- WHAT ARE YOUR USE NEEDS
 - Relaxing, kid play, gardening, sports
- HARDSCAPING
 - Porches, walkways, drives, decks, fence, patios, parking, storage
- SOIL AND PLANTING BEDS
 - Where, does soil need to be amended, plants, shade, water



A Dog's Place

- Exercise/Running
- Shade
- Water
- Elimination
- Digging
- Confinement
 - Dog run or doghouse
- Grooming
- Feeding
- Sleep
- OFF LIMITS AREAS



A Dog's Place

ZONING FOR YOUR
PET'S ACTIVITIES



ROADWAY

Let's Bark
at the
Neighbor
Dogs

Elimination

Digging

Shade

Driveway

Elimination

Shade

Fetch

Elimination

Water

Garage

Porch

Shade

Home

Round
about

Fetch



LAWN MAINTENANCE

MOW TALLER

- Add ¼" to your cutting height videos.

WATER DEEPER/LESS OFTEN

- Water enough to equal 1" of rain
- Water slowly over time
- Or session watering
- Water only when needed

CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE

- Clover Lawn
- nitrogen fixers
- tolerates compaction
- Not mowed as often as do lawns composed of grass
- draws pollinators to your landscape



1. Leach out urea (salts) by flooding area with water

2. Remove dead turf and rough up the soil

3. Apply seed mixed with soil and work into the top 1/4" of surface

4. top dress with mulch or loose rich soil

Do you have burn out?



MULCH – STICKS AND STONES

- Untreated wood mulch
- Cedar mulch
- Cypress mulch
- River rock
- Recycled rubber





BEWARE OF THE DOG

MULCH



- AVOID LARGE SHRED OR CHUNKED WOOD MULCH
- AVOID COCOA BEAN SHELLS
- AVOID COCONUT HUSKS

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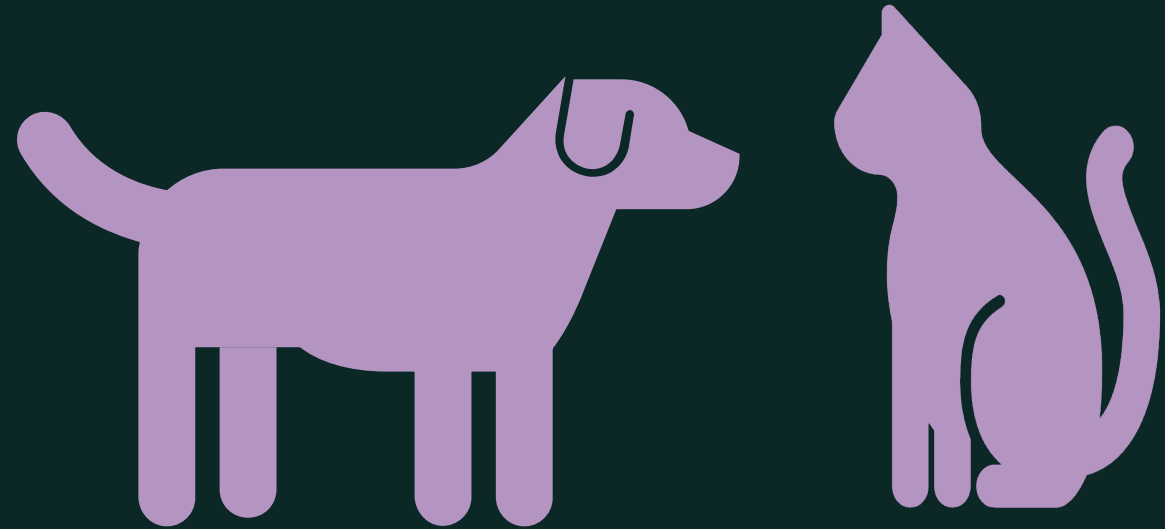
- Solid Wood
- Chain Link
- Farm Fence
- Iron or Aluminum
- Invisible
- Vinyl
- Plastic



Plant Selection

consider plants that...

- Can survive interaction with your pet
- Will hide damage done by pet
- Can be used as deterrents
- Are suited for our hardiness zone
- Are suited for the microclimate of your yard





Plant Selection consider plants that...

- Try to choose nontoxic plants
- But also - recognize signs and symptoms of poisoning

Also, be advised that the consumption of any plant material may cause vomiting and gastrointestinal upset for dogs and cats. Plants listed as either non-toxic, or potentially toxic with mild GI upset as their symptoms are not expected to be life-threatening to your pets.

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10 PLANTS TO AVOID

if your pet spends a little more time chewing on plant material

- Azalea/rhododendron (*Rhododendron spp.*) - entire plant, especially the leaves
- Caladium (*Caladium spp.*) - entire plant - including water cuttings are in
- English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) - foliage
- Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) - entire plant
- Hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) - entire plant
- Jimsonweed (*Datura spp.*) - entire plant, especially sap and seeds
- Lady's slipper (*Cypripedium spp.*) -
- Lily-of-the valley (*Convallaria majalouis*)
- <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

Pest and Weed Control

- Mullet Approach
- Grow More Tolerant
- Always follow Label
 - directions
- Use Beneficials





SHADE

- Shade is essential to pets
- Shade trees and shrubs
- Structures such as porches, or pergolas
- Vining structures

WATER

- Clean water should always be provided for your pet





What to expect when you have a pet in the landscape

LAWNS-digging, compaction, yellow spots

FLOWER BEDS- digging, pooping, breaking

SHRUBS AND SMALL TREES-peeing, breakage, chewing

GROUNDCOVERS-digging, mashing, nesting, tracking

VEGETABLE GARDENS-eating, digging, breakage,
eliminating



Roll with

A TIP quoted from respected author on pets and landscaping " dogs love freshly dug soil to dig in, so instead of planting your annuals in a bed,....and providing temptation... try potting them (annuals) this year for gorgeous (untouchable) displays."



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Thank you

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