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Roses are dead, I'm feeling blue...

How do I stop the flowers on my rose from being so short-lived?

Gareth Jones, Swansea **DAVID:** Even established roses will struggle to maintain flowers in hot weather without extra watering and feeding.

once a week - twice in very hot weather - and make sure it soaks to the roots. A folia feed sprayed directly on to leaves gives healthier foliage without disturbing its roots.



Please can I get some dahlia help?

Why are my dahlia plants green and bushy, but have no flowers? Bill P, Stanmore DAVID: A common cause of this sort of problem is giving the wrong sort of fertiliser.

Those high in nitrogen (for healthy stem and leaf growth) and low in potassium - which helps develop flowers - can leave healthy-looking plants with few buds. Feed once a week with a fertiliser designed for flowering plants, give full sunshine and keep hydrated.

TIP of the week Use ordinary coffee filters in

the bottom of potted containers for an environmentally friendly way to prevent compost washing away during watering.

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For loads more hints and tips on gardening visit daviddomoney.com or follow me on Facebook at @DavidDomoneyTV or on Twitter @daviddomoney Take a lead in your garden to make sure your dog can enjoy being outdoors with you this summer and it really needn't end up looking ruff

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ardens and dogs don't always mix – although having the first is pretty much a neces-sity for keeping the second happy. Fortunately, there are some simple tricks to make your patch as mutt-friendly as possible.

Creating zones within your garden can be a great way to add intrigue for your dog at the same time as protecting plants.

If you have space, make a designated digging area with gravel or bark chippings and bury a bone, a favourite toy, or a few treats in this area.

This will encourage your dog to dig there, rather than maybe causing damage in other places.

Zone off borders by creating a barrier between them and dog-friendly spaces. Use edging panels to fence borders off, or put in raised beds

Enforce the boundary by removing your dog when they overstep the line.

If your pet is territorial, you might find he or she wants to patrol the

plants, make a designated dog path through your borders. Move vulnerable plants out of the way and

" Water after your dog has and you fertilise the lawn

wind the path around more robust varieties.

Your dog can then use this path while on patrol, without doing any damage.

Lawn care

Dog paws can trample down tender grass and cause bald patches to appear in your lawn.

If you're re-laying or repairing the lawn, it's a good idea to choose hardwearing lawn seed.

Mixes that contain species such as dwarf ryegrass will provide a full, thick turf. It will be more resistant to wear and tear and ideal for dogfriendly gardens.

Another possible lawn issue is the brown burn marks dogs sometimes leave on the grass when they urinate. This is due to the high nitrogen content of dog urine.

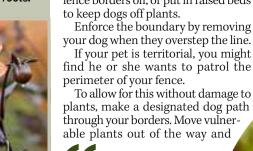
Female dogs are often worse than males, because females tend to deposit urine in one place rather than spraying widely – making their urine more concentrated on the grass.

You can buy products to put in your dog's water, but I find a better approach is simply to keep your dog properly hydrated. This dilutes their

urine and makes burn

marks less likely. Another good tip is to water the grass after your dog has made their contribution. Once the nitrogen is diluted, it will fertilise your lawn







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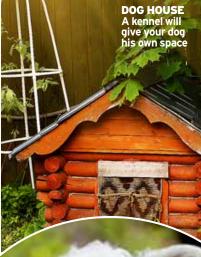
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