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Your perfect bark garden



PUPPY LOVE Make your garden a safe playground

OFFER of the week

Our Patio Azalea Pink Spider is a compact and busy evergreen shrub, perfect for growing on the patio in containers or large tubs - where the amazing pink and white flowers will make a real statement.

The dark green foliage contrasts wonderfully with the bright and vibrant flowers. Height 60cm. Supplied as 12cm pot plants.

You can buy one Pink Spider for £9.99 - or order three for the price of two, at only £19.98.

To order by debit/credit card call 0843 922 5000 quoting SM34697. Or send a cheque made payable to MGN SM34697 to **Azalea Pink Spider Offer (SM34697)**, PO Box 64, South West District Office, Manchester, M16 9HY. Check out our full range online at mirrorgardenoffers.co.uk.



GADGET



What could be more useful than a pop-up garden gazebo?

They're ideal for barbecues, or just hanging out in, when you're unsure if it's going to rain or need some shade from the sunshine.

This easy-erect economy model from bigfurniturewarehouse.com costs just £56.99 and packs away to almost nothing - making it a handy bargain buy.

instead of killing it. If this is a big problem, try training them to urinate on a gravelled or mulched area instead, giving treats when they do so.

Dog-friendly plants

Great plant choices for dog-friendly borders include robust varieties such as viburnum (Japanese snowflake), nepeta (catmint), astilbe and laven-

dula (lavender). Dogs can brush past these without doing harm.

If you have a curious dog that eats the plants in your garden, there are several varieties to avoid.

Foxgloves, delphinium, tomato plants, clematis, hydrangea and chrysanthemum can all be damaging to dogs if swallowed in large amounts.

Switch these out for dog-safe

varieties such as snapdragons, Michaelmas daisies, honeysuckle, camellia, roses, sunflowers and ornamental grasses. Visit dogstrust.org.uk for a full list of plants that can be harmful.

Dog shelter

On hot summer days, it's important to make sure your dog has adequate shade when in the garden. If you don't

have a large space, a small flowering cherry, dwarf apple or weeping pear tree planted in a border or container will do the job excellently.

Alternatively, pop up a dog kennel with light bedding in it to give shelter for a mid-afternoon kip out of the sun.

Make it waterproof too, and your dog will put it to year-round good use.

Dog-safe pest control

Finally, dogs that eat slugs or snails are in danger of picking up lungworm.

Reduce the risk by using pet-friendly pest control. This can include plants that keep pests away, using barriers such as coffee grounds and copper, or biological controls such as nematodes.

My website daviddomoney.com has more ideas in my recent blog, Seven Natural Ways to Control Slugs.

Follow my tips, and you can enjoy a summer of fun with your dog in the garden - without compromising the look and feel of your outdoor space.

Final chance to dig your way to victory in contest

There's little more than a week left to enter our brilliant Cultivation Street competition and win a share of the £20,500 in prizes.

If you're part of a school or community gardening scheme, find categories, how to enter and terms at cultivationstreet.com.

Susan Wilson is a Tesco Community Champion in Parkhead, Glasgow, and also leads volunteers at the city's Includeme2 Club, set up last November.

Susan, 54, said: "We work with adults

with disabilities and other support needs, doing arts and crafts, table-top gardening and more. We've entered our secret balcony garden in the Small Space category."

The group also took over an unused allotment in March. Last year's winners, the Shettleston Community Growing Project, donated to the new scheme. Susan added:

"The transformation has been amazing."

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