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and safe repellent to help stop his antics. [Lynn Greyling/PublicDomain Pictures](#) Homemade dog repellents can include natural ingredients like citrus, cayenne peppers, vinegar, mustard oil and coffee grounds, each disliked by dogs or tastes. These repellents are easy to make, safe for the environment and effective in keeping dogs away from gardens and furniture without posing a risk to their health.Do not use ammonia as a repellent because it can be potentially harmful if a dog consumes it. Man's best friends may be great for companionship, but they sure can wreak havoc on gardens and upholstery. Whatever the reasons you want to keep a dog away, there are many dog repellents that are easy and cheap to make at home. All of these listed are 100 percent safe for dogs and the environment: Citrus. Dogs find the smell of citrus horrendous. You can protect your garden by placing slices of oranges or lemons throughout the flowerbed. To keep your dog off of your furniture, place a glass of lemon water on a nearby table or spray your furniture with the mixture.Cayenne peppers. Though cayenne peppers will not harm your dog, they will irritate his eyes, nose and throat. To keep your dog out of your flowerbed, grind a mixture of black pepper and cayenne pepper, and sprinkle it throughout your garden. A good trick for getting your dog to avoid the upholstery is to sprinkle cayenne pepper in your potpourri or leave a bowl of ornamental chilies next to the sofa.Vinegar. Dogs strongly dislike the odor of vinegar. Vinegar can be potentially dangerous for plants, so don't spray vinegar in your garden. Instead, douse biodegradable coffee filters in white vinegar and allow them to dry in the sun. Once completely dried, cut the filters into thin strips about the length of a toothpick. Spreading the strips throughout your garden will repel your dog and allow your flowers to thrive.Mustard oil. Dogs hate the smell and taste of mustard oil, so spray it around the area you want your dog to avoid and watch it do its magic.Dog poop. Try placing some of your dog's poop in holes that he has dug and you can bet that he won't dig in them again. Strategically place some in holes all around his favorite digging spots and watch him lose interest in encountering his own waste.Coffee grounds. Coffee is another smell that dogs aren't fond of — and coffee grounds are great for your garden soil as well. Just scatter them on top of the soil and your dog will stay away. Important note: Do not use ammonia as a dog repellent. While ammonia will keep dogs away from almost anything because the smell irritates their noses, it can cause damage to their throats and stomachs if consumed. Always check with your vet before using any chemical or substance around your pets. Now That's a Doggone Good Idea According to rover.com, a great way to stop Fido from trying to dig to China is to bury flat rocks just below the surface at noted digging spots. Or, if you have a sprinkler system, set up a motion sensor detector to spray your pooch and run him off at the first sign of a dig. It's perfectly normal to have an undying love for your furry friend but still be unimpressed when it makes its way over to problem areas of your home. Maybe it digs up your precious flower beds and leaves everything in tatters, or you find dog poop in hidden areas around your yard. In this article, we share the best DIY dog deterrent sprays to make sure your dog stays away from unwanted areas and will hopefully keep it out of trouble. DIY Dog Deterrent Sprays Compared to store-bought dog repellents, a homemade repellent can come in different forms such as solutions that can be soaked in cotton balls to ones that you can store in a clean spray bottle. There are also plenty of advantages to using natural ingredients, and many of these are cost-effective while also providing an effective dog repellent that's safe for dogs. 1. Citronella Oil Dogs can't stand any kind of citronella smell, so trainers will often use it in both collar and spray form to teach aggressive dogs to break their bad behavior and barking habits. Just one whiff of this oil can keep your pup from visiting your garden and other no-go zones in your home. However, if you decide to make your own citronella spray, make sure to only use them in small doses, mixing the oil with 10 parts of water since it can be poisonous in concentrated amounts. 2. Bitter Apple Spray Many commercial products will be made from apple cider vinegar, which can be used to make your own natural dog repellent at no extra cost to you. To make a repellent solution, mix a cup of white vinegar with 2 cups of apple cider vinegar. You can then store it inside a spray bottle and use it in areas inside and outside of your home. 3. Mustard Oil Because they're readily available and are perfect to use at home, mustard oil is one of the best home remedies for dogs that love to ruin gardens. Canines just hate the bitter taste and smell of mustard oil which is why many people use it as a solution for keeping pets away from their gardens. All you have to do is spray some on any location you want to keep dog-free and you're good to go! The strong smell of mustard oil can provide a natural way to keep dogs away from furniture, plants, and even food items. 4. Citrus Dogs don't like the smell of citrus; you can directly use some citrus fruits around your plants to protect your plants. There are other ways for you to use this tool to deter dogs, such as: Use citrus peels near your vegetables or flowers Spray citrus oil on furniture or items that your dog needs to avoid Make a citrus spray using lemon juice and other citrus fruits Any kind of citrus smell chases dogs away so look into citrus scents in areas around your home If your dog has a habit of urinating inside your home, simply combine lemon juice with water for a homemade dog urine repellent. 5. Chili Pepper and Garlic You can sprinkle some chili pepper on your garden to keep your dog from chewing plants but it's even better to make your own DIY dog deterrent spray using common chili pepper powder and garlic. All you need to do is mix dishwashing soap, chili powder, chopped onions, garlic, and a cup of warm water. Allow for 24 hours before you strain it and then pour it into your spray bottle. 6. Coffee Grounds Don't throw away your old coffee grounds because you can save them and turn them into your own dog repellent. Just spread them around areas where you don't want any dogs to reach and you'll find that the strong smell is just too much for your dog's sensitive nose to handle. 7. Black Pepper and Chili To get the most out of this dog repellent, it's best to mix black pepper with chili powder with oil rather than water like a typical spray. Mixing with oil will allow the peppers to release capsaicin, active ingredients that are highly effective in anti-chew sprays. 8. Essential Oils Using essential oils can be a great way to stop your pup from going through the garbage or your garden. Simply mix a few drops of essential oils with a cup of water and place it in a bottle to mist around your home to prevent indoor accidents. A few oils to try for your spray include sour apple, lemon, eucalyptus, orange, and cinnamon. 9. Cayenne Pepper This is probably one of the most effective repellent spray recipes on this list and will surely get rid of strange dogs around your yard. Just use 1 part cayenne pepper to 10 parts water and mix them then then put the solution in your spray bottle. Much like pepper spray, cayenne pepper will irritate a dog's nose, eyes, and throat so make sure that you don't overuse it though, because it can harm the dog's olfactory receptors. 10. Vinegar The smell of vinegar alone can be an effective way to lead the neighbor's dog away from your yard and can be even more powerful when combined with lime juice. You can create a dog spray out of the vinegar solution and mist chair legs if they are getting chewed or on various items you want dogs to stay away from. 11. Ammonia Ammonia has a strong scent that absolutely collides with a dog's sense of smell and will work better than everything else here. You can apply some ammonia in cotton balls and place them around the trouble areas in your home. Another way to use this is by making an ammonia solution to get the best results; dogs will stay away from your furniture as well as plants when used outside. Just remember not to spray or pour ammonia directly into flowers or plants. 12. Rubbing Alcohol Isopropyl alcohol or rubbing alcohol comes with a strong scent that both dogs and humans stay away from. To use it, all you need to do is soak a few cotton balls in alcohol and leave them throughout the problem areas in your home. There are many similarities between ammonia and rubbing alcohol but the latter can't be used spray around your home. 13. Dog Poop Maybe you've heard of this trick before but dismissed it because it sounds a bit icky. Well, the joke's on you because dog poop works as well as any other deterrent to keep your pooch from making holes around your garden. It might sound yucky but hear us out; place your dog's poo around the places they love to dig into. You'll find that they will avoid these areas as much as possible — after all, they work very hard to bury their waste. Once they lose interest in a particular spot, you can fill in the holes with soil. One Last Trick You could get the best results by using a combination of the different methods above to create your own dog deterrent spray. Cayenne pepper and vinegar are particularly disliked by dogs, so you can try this around your yard. Coffee grounds and rubbing alcohol can also be added to the mix which you can scatter for an extra boost. A few of these repellents are also effective on other pests, such as raccoons, skunks, and deer. Another good news is that many of the deterrents above can be used to train your pets to stay away from certain places around your home even when you're away. Sources Gardenandhappy.com Otherpeoplespet.com Tipsbulletin.com Throughout history, dogs have always served their human companions; the earliest evidence of their domestication can go as far back as 30,000 years ago. Today, many dogs can be trained to perform service work, taking their loyalty and hard work to new heights. In this article, we share everything you need to know about the most popular service dog breeds in the United States and how they can help. What are Service Dogs? At its most basic definition, service dogs are canines trained to perform tasks that can assist their owner or handler with a disability. They can help to remind people with mental illness to take their medication, alert deaf people, and protect those suffering from seizures. Moreover, they can calm people who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); as such, they are often described as working animals [...] Unfortunately, allergies in canines are more common than we think. Understanding the signs and symptoms will help ensure that your canine companion enjoys a comfortable and allergy-free life. In this article, we share an in-depth guide that addresses the question, “Can dogs have allergies,” while covering other topics such as diagnosing and treatment options for allergies. What are Allergies? Allergies occur when a dog's immune system negatively reacts to substances that are normally harmless. Also known as allergens, these substances can often result in an allergic response when ingested, inhaled, or make contact with your dog's skin. When this happens, the canine body will mistake these environmental items as a threat, which can result in many different physical symptoms. These reactions can significantly vary in severity, which will range from mild discomfort to a severe reaction, and in serious cases [...] What you might not know is that pet allergies are common; in fact, around 10% to 20% of people around the world are allergic to cats and dogs. The good thing is that even the best hypoallergenic dog breeds. What are Hypoallergenic Dogs? There are many misconceptions about what this means, so we need to clear things up; there's no such thing as a completely hypoallergenic dog. However, there are a few breeds that create fewer allergens compared to others, which makes them better suited for allergy sufferers. These canines will generally come with low-shedding coats, which produce less dander and will [...] If you're looking to add a new member to the family, but aren't in the market for a purebred dog then consider poodle crosses such as the Schnauzer Poodle mix. The teddy bear Schnoodle is beloved for their high levels of intelligence, calm demeanor, and hypoallergenic coats. These designer dogs are some of the fluffiest breeds out there; here, we share all you need to know about them including their appearance, temperament, history, and how you can care for them. What is the Schnauzer Poodle Mix? The Schnauzer-Poodle mix is a loving, smart, and level-headed companion. While there are no dogs that can truly be called hypoallergenic, both Poodles and Schnauzers can be a good fit for those with allergies, which means their offspring will be too. This gorgeous mix of Schnauzers and Poodles produces a curly-haired hybrid that comes [...] Maybe you've heard of the Siberian Samoyed, a gorgeous, mixed breed canine that's known for its boisterous personality and striking appearance. This designer dog is a large ball of fluff that can bring happiness and energy into your home but before you get one, there are a few things you need to consider first. In this article, we share all you need to know about the Husky Samoyed mix, including their appearance, temperament, history, and how to care for them in your home. What is the Husky Samoyed Mix? The Husky Samoyed mix is also known as the Samhusky, Siberian Samoyed, and Samusky and is a beautiful mix of the Siberian Husky and the Samoyed. Because both have bright eyes and fluffy coats, you can expect their offspring to be just as impressive-looking as their parents. These dogs are becoming [...] Papillon dogs are known for their petite, yet sturdy bodies that come with an active, alert, and friendly nature — they are among the smartest breeds in the world and can make wonderful companions. Dog owners looking for a gorgeous toy dog will be more than pleased to add one of these playful pups to their family. In this article, we share all you need to know about how to care for these dogs in your home while discussing their temperament, history, and where you can find one. What is the Papillon Dog? Papillons are playful, spirited, and small dogs that come from Spaniels and toy breeds. These cute dogs come with high energy levels and will excel in obedience and agility competitions. They have sparkling personalities that endear them to anyone who owns them and despite their appearance, they [...] Dog owners love their pets, often treating four-legged friends as members of the family. However, dogs, including those that are uninvited, can cause serious damage to the lawn, as urine and feces create dead areas and burned spots. While grass usually recovers in time, damaged areas are sometimes large enough to require reseeding. This is a serious problem for pet owners who work hard to develop a green, manicured lawn. In addition, some enthusiastic dogs may dig, resulting in harm to ornamental flowers and shrubs. Often, applying a safe, non-toxic repellent helps keeps animals at bay.Article continues below this adSome dogs are discouraged by the pungent aroma of white vinegar sprayed around the perimeter of the yard. 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