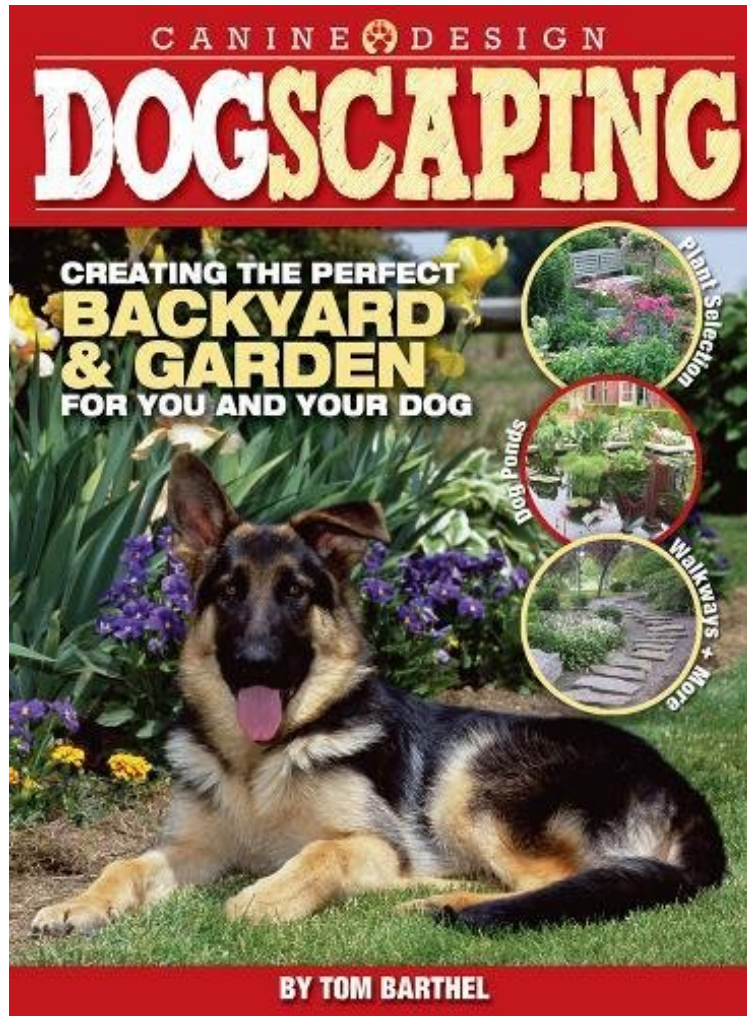


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For dog owners and garden lovers alike, *Dogscaping* presents a plan for the family dog to live in perfect harmony with a green, beautiful backyard. Whether the family dog is a demon digger like a terrier or a shade-seeking greyhound, *Dogscaping* offers solutions for all dog owners to create the perfect backyard and garden for all members of the human and canine family. Tom Barthel, a certified master gardener and devoted dog owner, approaches the topic of landscaping for dogs organicallyfiguratively and literally, whenever possible. Encouraging the reader to pursue organic methods, the author includes a terrific chapter on organic lawns and offers tips for maintaining an earth-friendly (and dog-friendly) green-as-can-be lawn. Between the chapters of this book are profiles called Organic Gardener: Organic Dog, in which he tells entertaining success stories of dog-owning organic gardeners and hobby farmers. In the chapter Site Planning and Plant Selection, Barthel advises on how to plan the backyard space taking the dogs habits and proclivities in mind and then makes recommendations for various kinds of vines, groundcovers, shrubs, and urine-resistant plants. In its chapter about maintaining the garden and backyard, *Dogscaping* presents various organic pest and weed control options, which are safe for the dog and practical for the gardener. The author also offers a list of pest-discouraging plants and methods to deter unwanted weeds and visitors (gophers, deer, squirrels, etc.). In the greenest chapter in the book, Recycling Home, Garden, and Yard Waste, Barthel makes a compelling case for composting, cataloging both the advantages and savings and offering an easy five-step method of composting. Other additions to the dog-friendly backyard include planting fruits and vegetables, adding a water feature, and incorporating decks, gazebos, pathways, and lighting, all of which are covered in individual chapters in this beautifully photographed book. The final chapter of the book Creating Doggy Nirvana provides fun ideas for owners to include dog-specific features into their backyard designs, including a pooch pergola, doggy sandbox, and disappearing fountain. The appendix provides US and North American zone maps. Index included.

"If you want a beautiful, healthy, and safe yard that respects your dog's natural instincts and nature, *Dogscaping* is for you! Our yards are our safe haven--a place to relax, have fun and enjoy life with our family members, whether they be two- or four-legged. Thank goodness, Tom Barthel has created a complete and comprehensive resource to help us, and our dogs, live our outdoor lives the organic, natural and safe way--just as nature intended." -- Leslie May, RaiseAGreenDog.com"Mr. Barthel has written on a subject that all families with 4-legged members will value. Supporting S Interior Design's belief that pets and good design can go 'hand in paw', this is the perfect complement to the work I do on the inside of a home. I am sure I will be sharing it with my clients!" --Suzanne Lasky, owner of S Interior Design, expert in pet-friendly interior design"If I could make *Dogscaping: Creating the Perfect Backyard and Garden for You and Your Dog*, required reading for every pet owner I would. It is absolutely necessary that we create a healthy homes and yards for our furry friends that are free of pesticides and toxic chemicals. Today dogs are exposed to more environmental pollutants than humans are, and therefore carry a heavier body burden (or toxic chemical) load in their bodies. If every person could follow just a few of the simple steps that Tom recommends, we would have not only healthier homes, put a healthier planet. Buy Tom's book today!" --Laura Klein, Publisher of OrganicAuthority.com Green Living ExpertFrom the PublisherBowTie Press offers the finest books on the care and training of pets and other animals--including dogs, cats, horses, birds, fish, reptiles, small animals, and farm animals--as well as on transportation and rural living topics. Pet owners, homeowners, experts, and professionals look to BowTie Press for the best and most relevant publications on subject ranging from how to house-train a new puppy to winning best in show ribbons.About the AuthorTom Barthel has written hundreds of articles on pets and gardening over the last decade. His most recent book was "Garden Ponds Made Easy" (BowTie Press, 2006). An avid naturalist and certified Master Gardener, the author centers his focus on fostering a greater respect for both the Earth and the pets we share it with. He promotes lifestyle choices that lessen our carbon footprints, conserve natural resources and rely on organic options whenever possible.