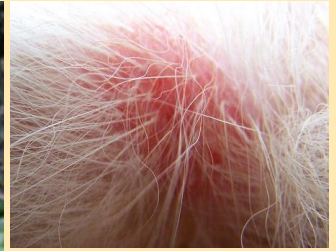


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# PAWS AWAY!

Mobile Dog Grooming & In Home Pet Minding Servicing Sydney's Inner West.



## Allergy Causing Plants In Your Own Backyard

When we're out and about grooming doggies we come across so many that have rashes or redness on their bellies and feet. Their owners are fed up and at a loss as to what causes it.

Last summer fleas seemed to be everywhere, and rarely did we see a dog that wasn't inundated with them. Flea allergies are very common, most dogs have very sensitive skin and all it takes is the bite of a single flea to send that dog crazy with itching and scratching.

However besides fleas, there seems to be another cause for itching and redness and, just like fleas, seem to be everywhere you go. In your backyard, common garden plants and grasses can cause an allergic reaction in dogs - Wandering Jew, and paspalum can give dogs itchy feet and legs, as well as stomach rashes.

While you may think a rash is nothing to be too concerned about it's the after affects that can result in a visit to the vet. Constant scratching and biting of these sensitive areas can turn into infection, requiring antibiotics.

If you think your dogs have never shown any signs of irritation, you'll be surprised to find allergies can develop suddenly, and to a substance that's never triggered a reaction in the past.

Becoming aware of the plants in your garden or paying careful attention to where you go walking with your dog will help in eliminating the problem before it occurs.

Personally I'd heard about wandering Jew and never knew what it even looked like (top left).

And make sure you keep the backyard mowed as the

common weed paspalum grows quite quickly.

While you're in the backyard ensure your plants aren't toxic to dogs or cats, some common bulbs like tulips or daffodils, if digested can be extremely harmful.

You can research all the dangerous plants on the net and you may be surprised as to how many toxic ones there are out there.

If you suspect your pet has ingested a dangerous plant, contact your local vet immediately. If you can, take note of what plant your pet has eaten - or which plant you think they have eaten. Show a piece of the plant to a vet or someone at a local nursery and they can help you identify it if you're not sure.

*Alana & Catherine*

### PRE-WINTER CLIP SPECIAL

Before Winter sets in Paws Away! has a special for all small dogs in May. Team up your pre-winter clip with another dog and receive \$10 off each dog.

**\$20 SAVING!**

### PET MINDING SPECIAL

Book Paws Away! to take care of your pets anytime between May 1st- July 31st and receive 20% off the total cost. Pet Minding must be booked and paid in advance and is non-refundable.

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## The Dog Whisperer is Coming Down Under!

You may be familiar with the Dog Whisperer, Cesar Milan. His show airs on the Bio channel and is really quite amazing to watch. Cesar seems to have a special way with dogs and a real understanding of dog psychology.

In June this year he brings his live show to Sydney where he will share his knowledge

of dog behaviour and how we as their owners can use our different energies to influence our dog's personality.

Tickets are on sale now and you can see Cesar on Sunday 14th June at Acer Arena, Homebush.

Check it out!



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