Pet-Friendly Landscaping

Today on Gardening in a Minute: pet-friendly landscaping.

Do your pets and your landscape seem incompatible? It’s not that hard to create a more pet-friendly landscape.

Choose only non-toxic species for your plantings. Landscape plants that can be poisonous to animals include oleander, amaryllis, and Caladium. Certain weeds, like nightshade, can be dangerous for both people and animals. Remove mushrooms from your landscape, as they are also frequently toxic.

It’s best to keep your cat inside, but if you let her out, get rid of birdbaths and bird feeders to avoid tragedy.

Leave some open areas so your dog has room to run. And make sure there’s plenty of shade and a clean source of water for when he’s tired and hot.

As you plan your landscape, don’t forget about your pets!

For more information about pet-friendly landscaping, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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