



Title: **The battle of doggy vs. yard**

Subtitle: **Tips & Tricks for yellow spots**

Story:

Towards the end of winter, most Minnesotan's are getting excited about the arrival of Spring. They look forward to the snow going and once again being able to go outside wearing layer after layer of clothes. They long for the days you can just walk outside and talk their dog for a walk.

But also, in the back of their mind is dread for it's another Spring having to deal with brown or yellow spots in the yard. In the past you may have spent hundreds of dollars on a variety of techniques like tomato juice, gypsum, fertilizer, or even sod.

Plus, a variety of grass seeds like Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescues, turf-type tall fescue, ryegrass varieties, or the mixture that claims it is especially for dog spots. Or maybe even Dog Spot Repair only to find the grass does grow fast but traffic kills it quickly.

In the end, you spend a lot of time working to get back your green lawn back. Yet it is short lived with more spots to appearing over the summer. It is a never-ending battle and can be hard to win the war. To help you with the dog vs. yard battle, below are a few tips and tricks from landscapers to win the war.

1. Encourage your dog to drink more water
2. Train your dog to eliminate in one area
3. Right after your dog urinates, spray the area with water to dilute it
4. Fertilize your lawn less, or not at all, in areas where your dog urinates

5. Replant affected areas with more urine-resistant grass like Ryegrass and Fescue that are the most urine-resistant. Kentucky Bluegrass is most sensitive.

More things you can do includes feeding your dog a dietary supplement like Green-UM and Drs. Fosters and Smith Lawn Guard. Also, Dog Rocks from Australia that you place in your dog's water claims to be a long-lasting and affordable solution.

In the end, brown and yellow spots are inevitable, but you can reduce the number, severity, and how quickly your lawn recovers with these tips and tricks.

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