TurnKey Sod Publishes Resource Examining Why Dogs Eat Grass and What It Means for Lawn Care

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TurnKey Sod published a new educational resource this month addressing why dogs eat grass, connecting a widely reported pet behavior to lawn maintenance decisions that affect households where dogs and turf share the same space.

The company states that the topic arises regularly with customers installing new sod on properties with pets and that the resource addresses both halves of the question homeowners actually ask: what the behavior means and what it implies for lawn maintenance.

The resource summarizes the explanations most commonly offered for the behavior. These include the possibility that grass provides dietary fiber that supports digestion, that the behavior reflects inherited foraging tendencies observed in wild canids, that some dogs are drawn to the texture and taste of tender new growth, and that grass eating can accompany boredom or a lack of stimulation. The company notes that the resource presents these as widely cited explanations rather than settled conclusions, and directs pet owners to consult a veterinarian regarding any specific animal, particularly where the behavior is sudden, frequent, or accompanied by other changes.

The larger portion of the resource concerns lawn care implications. According to the company, if a dog is consuming grass with any regularity, what has been applied to that grass becomes a practical maintenance consideration rather than an abstract one. The guide covers herbicides, insecticides, and fertilizers, and emphasizes that product labels specify reentry intervals that indicate how long people and animals should stay off a treated area.

The resource outlines several maintenance approaches for households with dogs. Maintaining dense, healthy turf is presented as the foundation, on the reasoning that a thick stand of grass crowds out the weeds that would otherwise prompt chemical treatment in the first place. Proper mowing height, consistent watering practices, and addressing soil compaction in high-traffic areas are described as contributing to that density. The company also addresses the localized damage caused by pet urine and the wear patterns that develop along fence lines and established running routes.

"Customers ask us about pet-safe lawns constantly, and the grass-eating question is usually where the conversation starts," said a spokesperson for TurnKey Sod. "The honest answer is that a healthier lawn needs fewer inputs, and fewer inputs is the most direct way to reduce what a dog is exposed to."

Turf selection receives attention as well. The resource discusses the durability differences among warm-season grass varieties and notes that wear tolerance and recovery rate are meaningful selection criteria for properties with active dogs, alongside the sun exposure and drainage factors that ordinarily drive the decision. The company states that recovery rate is often the more consequential of the two, since a variety that spreads aggressively will close small bare patches on its own, while a slower-spreading turf may require repeated repair in the same locations.

Watering practices are addressed in the same context. The guide notes that deep, infrequent irrigation encourages roots to grow further into the soil profile, producing turf that withstands concentrated foot and paw traffic better than a lawn maintained through frequent shallow watering. The resource also covers drainage in areas where dogs congregate, on the basis that soil that stays saturated compacts more readily and recovers more slowly from wear.

The company states that the resource is part of a broader effort to address lawn questions falling outside conventional maintenance content, on the basis that homeowners rarely separate lawn decisions from how a household actually uses the yard.

TurnKey Sod provides sod installation and related lawn services for residential and commercial properties.

Additional resources on pet-related lawn wear, seasonal maintenance, and grass variety selection are planned for release in the coming months.

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