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Subject: Fall lawn care.....

Hi folks,

For years I've made it a habit to not to use lawn chemicals in any area where my dogs walk. However, with all the rain this summer, I've got a bumper crop of lawn weeds. I was thinking maybe they've improved the chemicals or maybe more research has shown they're not as harmful (right!) Well, thought I'd share my research with all in case you're planning to weed-and-feed your lawns this fall:

G.R.O.U.P.

(Get Rid of Urban Pesticides)

<http://home.golden.net/~lgoerzen/Group%20Web%20Page.html>

95% of the pesticides used on residential lawns are considered **possible or probable carcinogens** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The U.S. National Cancer Institute found that dog owners who reported higher lawn pesticide use also reported a higher number of dogs with malignant canine lymphoma (a type of cancer similar to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in humans.)

<http://www.madison.com/communities/northlawns/about.php>

Are there health effects caused by using pesticides?

Pesticides are hazardous to human and pet health. Studies show a 2-6 times greater cancer risk in households where lawn chemicals are used. Other studies have documented infertility, miscarriages, birth defects, attention deficit and nervous system disorders. The National Cancer Institute found that the use of 2,4-D (which is in weed 'n feed type products) doubles a dog's risk of canine malignant lymphoma.

Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP)

<http://www.gasp-pgh.org/hotline/win02-5.html>

In a science journal review of 98 health studies related to the use of herbicides and other pesticides, half the studies found an increased cancer risk.

Guess I'll continue to have this experimental weed farm that used to be a lawn.....

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"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." - Josh Billings