

● Patch work

I grew very tired of my dog Reggie leaving unattractive brown patches on the back lawn. Several hissy fits later, I replaced the lawn with decking.

Now, thanks to the miracle of science, and a secret quarry

somewhere in Australia, pooch can relieve himself on the lawn, and not only are there no nasty patches, but "the stream" helps fertilise the lawn.

The new product is called Dog Rocks, a paramagnetic igneous rock, and Cathy Stansen and Andrea Roberts "stumbled" across the product and had it laboratory tested to make sure it was safe for pets.

Andrea is the wife of former St Kilda glamour boy and Channel Nine reporter Michael Roberts. As the story goes, Michael loves his lawn, Andrea loves her pooch and Dog Rocks evolved into a flourishing business.

Dog Rocks are placed in pooch's water (no more than a litre), brown patches disappear and the lawn starts to look greener.

If you are still not convinced, the paramagnetic igneous rock increases the properties of boron, barium, manganese and strontium while decreasing tin levels in the water. The Brits loved the concept of saving their green fields, and the first shipment went to the UK in July.

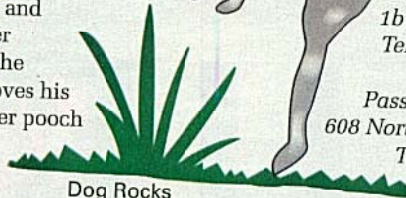
Dog Rocks is a completely natural product, and needs to be replaced every two months. The rocks come simply packaged and retail at \$9.95.

Much cheaper than decking!

Dog Rocks (Andrea Roberts, 0419 363 921)

are at
Zoo Products
1b Winter Street, Malvern
Tel: 9509 7943.

Passion for Pets
608 North Road, Ormond
Tel: 9578 3655



Dog Rocks

● In the bag

The bags are current styles. Some are seconds, others are samples. There are one-offs, new stock hits the shelves most weeks and the prices are so reasonable.

Hardan, a family-run business, imports and wholesales fashion bags and accessories, and operates a retail outlet for the public a few hours each weekday. A large leather bag was \$69.95 and is now \$39.95.