Why dogs need a secure garden

- **Prevents roaming, getting lost, or being stolen:** Secure fencing or walls (ideally 1.8m or higher) help stop dogs escaping, wandering onto roads, or ending up missing.
- **Supports legal responsibility:** Under Irish law, dog owners must keep their dogs under "effective control" and can be held liable for injuries or damage caused, including incidents involving people, property, or livestock.
- **Protects livestock in rural areas:** In rural Ireland especially, a secure garden is essential to prevent dogs from chasing or attacking sheep, cattle, and other farm animals.
- **Creates a safe space for exercise:** A secure outdoor area allows dogs to play, explore, and burn off energy safely, without needing constant supervision.

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