



WINNERS: Bloggers Niall, left, and Grant McNulty get out of cyberspace and into the garden with dog Nikki.

Brothers win award for blossoming green blog

DURBAN brothers Niall and Grant McNulty have scooped first prize for the Best Green Blog at the SA Blog Awards.

Niall, who works in IT, and Grant, a PhD student based in Cape Town, have established an online gardening community with their blog site, www.sprig.co.za

It is an open forum for people to post about their gardens and plants. The focus was originally on indigenous gardening, but it has expanded to include general gardening in South Africa.

"We are also interested in environmental issues, and encourage our readers to share their experiences and information on the blog," says Niall. "Through the blog we

aim to connect with fellow gardeners in South Africa, share photographs and stories of our respective gardens, get hints and advice, and discuss other issues related to gardening and the environment."

The blog also uses Facebook and Twitter to develop a community around gardening and the environment.

There is a lot of interest in growing food – to Niall's delight.

"It makes sense, it's cheaper and it tastes delicious."

At the moment, the blog is just a hobby for the brothers, but it has huge potential to grow.