

# Guide to Know Before Bringing a New Dog into Your Home



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# Abstract

Welcoming a new dog into your Perth home is an exciting journey! Prepare for the paw-some adventure with essential tips on creating a loving and safe environment. From introducing your new canine companion to adapting your space, this guide ensures a smooth transition for a happy and harmonious life together in beautiful Perth.

## 1. Introduction

Discover the joy of bringing a new dog into your Perth home with our comprehensive PDF guide. From initial preparations to seamless introductions, this document provides essential insights to ensure a smooth transition for both you and your new canine companion. Embrace the excitement of building a loving and harmonious home together in Perth.

## 2. Most Popular Dog Breeds (2024)

It's no secret that dogs are beloved in Perth—an estimated 65 million households own at least one, according to the Perth Pet Products Association. But with an estimated 360 dog breeds out there, you may be wondering which ones make the top of the list. The Perth Kennel Club recounts the most popular dog breeds in Perth. every year—and some breeds, like golden retrievers, may not surprise you, but there are others that are unexpectedly popular.

### Top 10 Most Popular Dog Breeds

#### 1. French Bulldog

French bulldogs or Frenchies as they're affectionately called, have skyrocketed in popularity over the past few years, coming in at the top of the AKC's most popular dog breeds list.

"[Frenchies] are good for family atmospheres. They're loving, playful and make cute noises," says Dr. Antonio DeMarco, D.V.M., chief medical and mentorship officer of GoodVets, a network of in-person nationwide animal hospitals.

#### 2. Labrador Retriever

The Labrador retriever has long been synonymous with the perfect family dog. As playful, energetic and loyal dogs, they're ideal for almost any living situation. They're also easy to train since they're eager to please their owners.

An intelligent dog with boundless energy, the Labrador retriever will need a good amount of space and time to exercise. More than two hours of exercise per day is recommended for this breed, according to The Kennel Club. They also need mental stimulation—think puzzle feeders or toys, training and sports.

#### 3. Golden Retriever

Golden retrievers, similar to their labrador counterparts, are also wonderful family companions. Gentle and friendly, these dogs are known for their affectionate and loving demeanor.

When it comes to exercise, goldens need more than two hours a day, per The Kennel Club. These smart and active dogs love playing fetch and swimming. They also require mental stimulation and do well with training.

#### **4. German Shepherd**



German shepherds don't just make great police and search and rescue dogs—they also make for loving house pets. German shepherds are “high-energy and have more of a protective side,” according to DeMarco. He also adds that they're highly intelligent and require lots of mental stimulation.

“With smart breed dogs, they tend to be more mischievous because they get bored easier,” DeMarco says. To prevent this, you can stimulate your dog through training, sports, chew toys or nose work games.

#### **5. Poodle**

Poodles are known for being smart and social—and for their beautiful, high-maintenance coat. As one of the most intelligent dog breeds around, Poodles also need lots of exercise and brain games to be content.

Poodles come in a standard size, miniature size and toy size. Generally, poodles tend to be proud, playful, friendly and bright. They're good with other pets, strangers and children, making them quite versatile.

#### **6. Bulldog**

Bulldogs are low-energy, and often referred to as lazy, says DeMarco. Bulldogs are more likely to join you on the couch to watch your favorite movie than to accompany you on a long run.



Bulldogs need up to one hour per day of exercise, according to The Kennel Club. Daily walks and some games around the house should be sufficient. Similar to their Frenchie counterparts, bulldogs are a flat-faced breed, which places them at high risk of heat stroke. Also, bulldogs are not good swimmers, so be sure to keep an extra eye on them around a pool or lake.

## **7. Rottweiler**

Rottweilers are in the working group of dog breeds, meaning that they thrive when they have an activity or “job.” Combined with their protective and alert nature, they make excellent watch or guard dogs. Despite this, they’re also a loving and loyal breed—with proper training and socialization, a rottie’s territorial instincts can be controlled.

A rottweiler is a big dog, typically standing between 22 to 27 inches and weighing between 80 to 135 pounds. They’re an active breed and are great for accompanying you on a jog or long walks, and they also enjoy games and sports.

## **8. Beagle**

Beagles are known for their floppy ears and colorful coats. Their personalities tend to be described as loveable, happy and curious. They’re part of the hound group and are often used as scent-detection dogs at airports.

Beagles are also an energetic breed and will need plenty of stimulation to thrive. Due to their keen nose, they may enjoy mental challenges with snuffle mats (a mat that can hide treats). Their preferred exercise is long walks with plenty of opportunities to sniff and explore. Just be sure to keep your dog’s leash short, as a beagle’s curiosity is known to make it wander.

Beagles have a low-maintenance coat with an average amount of shedding and require brushing just once a week.

## **9. Daschund**

Often called “weiner dogs,” dachshunds are known for their long bodies and short legs. They’re funny, curious and have endless energy. But as with many small dogs, “they can be feisty,” DeMarco says.

“When you come into their house, they let you know that it’s their house,” DeMarco adds.

This also means that they tend to be a vocal breed. Dachshunds have a loud bark and will use it along with their bold personalities to express themselves.

## **10. German Shorthaired Pointer**

German shorthaired pointers are another breed that does well with a job, training and vigorous exercise. This is because they are highly intelligent and active dogs—historically, they’ve been used as efficient hunting dogs.

One interesting fact about this breed is that they’re known for pointing. A leftover instinct from their hunting nature, German shorthaired pointers will often stop and go into a “pointing” stance to show you something interesting. They’ve even been known to point while dreaming.

### 3. Common Dog Behavior Problems and Solutions



Dog behavior problems are often misunderstood or mishandled by dog owners. Perhaps you are new to dog ownership, considering getting a dog, or just wish to help your dog with a challenging issue. Thoroughly understanding the most common dog behavior problems is the first step to solving and preventing them. A solid foundation of obedience training will help you prevent or better control many of these issues.

#### **Barking**

Most dogs vocalize in one way or another. They may bark, howl, whine and more. Excessive barking is considered a behavior problem.

Before you can correct excessive barking, determine why your dog is vocalizing in the first place. The most common types of barking are:

- Warning or alert
- Playfulness and excitement
- Attention-seeking
- Anxiety
- Boredom
- Responding to other dogs

Learn to control excessive barking. Consider teaching them bark/quiet commands. Be consistent and patient. Address any underlying causes of barking. Dedication and attention to detail can go a long way to stop a dog from barking.

## **Chewing**

Chewing is a natural action for all dogs. In fact, chewing is an important activity for most dogs; it's just part of the way they are wired. However, excessive chewing can quickly become a behavior problem if your dog causes destruction. The most common reasons dogs chew include:<sup>1</sup>

- Puppy teething
- Boredom or excess energy
- Anxiety
- Curiosity (especially puppies)

Encourage your dog to chew on the right things by providing plenty of appropriate chew toys. Keep personal items away from your dog. When you are not home, keep your dog crated or confined to an area where less destruction can be caused.

## **Digging**

If given the chance, most dogs will do some amount of digging; it's a matter of instinct. Certain dog breeds, like terriers, are more prone to digging because of their hunting histories. In general, most dogs dig for these reasons:

- Boredom or excess energy
- Anxiety or fear
- Hunting instinct
- Comfort-seeking (such as nesting or cooling off)
- Desire to hide possessions (like bones or toys)
- To escape or gain access to an area

It can get rather frustrating if your dog likes to dig up your yard. Try and determine the cause of the digging, then work to eliminate that source. Give your dog more exercise, spend more quality time together, and work on extra training. If digging seems inevitable, set aside an area where your dog can freely dig, like a sandbox. Train your dog that it is acceptable to dig in this area only.

## **Separation Anxiety**

Separation anxiety is one of the most commonly discussed dog behavior problems. Manifestations include vocalization, chewing, inappropriate urination and defecation, and other forms of destruction that occur when a dog is separated from his owner.<sup>2</sup> Not all of these actions are the result of separation anxiety. Signs of true separation anxiety include:

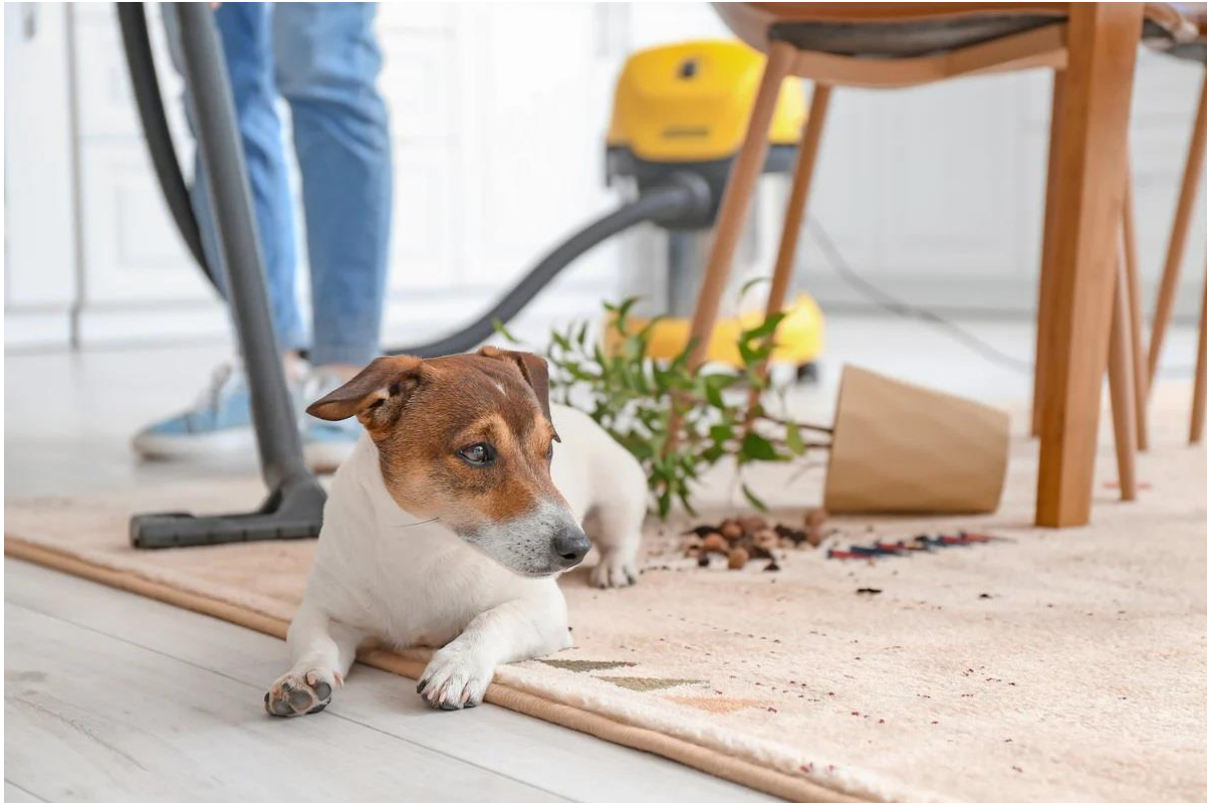
- The dog becomes anxious when the owner prepares to leave.
- Misbehavior occurs in the first 15 to 45 minutes after the owner leaves.
- The dog wants to follow the owner around constantly.
- The dog tries to be touching the owner whenever possible.
- True separation anxiety requires dedicated training, behavior modification, and desensitization exercises. Medication may be recommended in extreme cases.

## **Inappropriate Elimination**

Inappropriate urination and defecation are among the most frustrating dog behaviors. They can damage areas of your home and make your dog unwelcome in public places or at the homes of others. It is most important that you discuss this behavior with your veterinarian first to rule out health

problems. If no medical cause is found, try to determine the reason for the behavior, which can come down to one of the following:

- Submissive/excitement urination
- Territorial marking
- Anxiety
- Lack of proper housebreaking



Inappropriate elimination is unavoidable in puppies, especially before 12 weeks of age. Older dogs are another story. Many dogs require serious behavior modification to rid them of the habit once it becomes ingrained. Eventually, most grown (potty trained) dogs can learn to ring so-called “doggy doorbells” to let their owners know when to let them out for a bathroom break.

### **Begging**

Begging is a bad habit, but many dog owners actually encourage it. This can lead to digestive problems and obesity.<sup>3</sup> Dogs beg because they love food. However, table scraps are not treats, and food is not love. Yes, it is hard to resist that longing look, but giving in “just this once” creates a problem in the long run. When you teach your dog that begging is permitted, you are sending the wrong message.

### **Chasing**

A dog's desire to chase moving things is simply a display of predatory instinct. Many dogs will chase other animals, people, and cars. All of these can lead to dangerous and devastating outcomes. While you may not be able to stop your dog from trying to chase, you can take steps to prevent disaster.

- Keep your dog confined or on a leash at all times (unless directly supervised indoors).
- Train your dog to come when called.
- Have a dog whistle or noisemaker on hand to get your dog's attention.

- Stay aware and watch for potential triggers, like joggers.

Your best chance at success is to keep the chase from getting out of control. Dedicated training over the course of your dog's life will teach him to focus his attention on you first, before running off.

### **Jumping Up**

Jumping up is a common and natural behavior in dogs. Puppies jump up to reach and greet their mothers. Later, they may jump up when greeting people. Dogs may also jump up when excited or seeking an item in the person's hands. A jumping dog can be annoying and even dangerous.

There are many methods to stop a dog's jumping, but not all will be successful. Lifting a knee, grabbing the paws, or pushing the dog away might work in some cases, but for most dogs, this sends the wrong message. Jumping up is often attention-seeking behavior, so any acknowledgment of your dog's actions provide an instant reward, reinforcing the jumping.

### **Biting**

Dogs bite and nip for several reasons, most of which are instinctive. Puppies bite and nip to explore the environment. Mother dogs teach their puppies not to bite too hard and discipline them when needed. This helps the puppies develop bite inhibition. Owners often need to show their puppies that mouthing and biting are not acceptable by continuing to teach bite inhibition.

Beyond puppy behavior, dogs may bite for several reasons. The motivation to bite or snap is not necessarily about aggression. A dog may snap, nip, or bite for a variety of reasons.

- Fear
- Defensiveness
- Protection of property
- Pain or sickness
- Predatory instinct

Any dog may bite if the circumstances warrant it in the dog's mind. Owners and breeders are the ones who can help decrease the tendency for any type of dog to bite through proper training, socialization, and breeding practices.

### **Aggression**

Dog aggression is exhibited by growling, snarling, showing teeth, lunging, and biting. It is important to know that any dog has the potential to show aggression, regardless of breed or history. However, dogs with violent or abusive histories and those bred from dogs with aggressive tendencies are much more likely to exhibit aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs.

Unfortunately, some breeds are labeled "dangerous" and banned in certain areas. However, it's not usually about the breed so much as it's about history. A dog's environment has a major impact on behavior. Also, regardless of breed, a dog may inherit some aggressive traits.<sup>4</sup> Fortunately, most experts agree that breed-specific legislation is not the answer.



## 4. How Long Do Dogs Live—and How Can You Help Your Dog Live Longer?



We all wish our furry friends could live forever. But how long do dogs really live? Here's what we know about the life expectancy of our dear pups.

“Dogs’ lives are too short. Their only fault, really,” said author Agnes Sligh Turnbull, famously. The quote captures the truth felt by all dog lovers: That no matter how long our furry four-legged companions live, it’s never long enough. If you’ve ever looked at your own pup and wished they could live forever, you’re not alone. But how long do dogs live exactly? And why do the biggest dog breeds seem to have shorter lifespans than small or toy dog breeds?

We spoke to the experts to find out which dogs have the longest dog lifespans, how long you can expect your own dog to live, depending on their breed, size and lifestyle, and tips to improve the health of your pup—and hopefully lengthen their time with you.

### **How long do dogs live?**

“Dogs, on average, live anywhere from 10 to 13 years,” says Cheri Honnas, DVM, veterinary advisor to Bone Voyage Dog Rescue. But “average” is the key word here. The dog that currently holds the Guinness World Record for the oldest dog ever is a 31-year-old named Bobi, whose breed (Rafeiro do Alentejo) is only expected to live an average of 12 to 14 years. Bobi is a great example that, with the right care, dogs can far surpass their expected lifespans. These other factors can also greatly influence how long dogs live.

**Breed:** Some breeds naturally have longer lifespans, including some of the healthiest dog breeds. While other breeds live for fewer years and are more likely to be at risk for certain ailments. For

instance, Labrador retrievers have higher instances of cancer than other breeds, while French bulldogs are more susceptible to heat stroke (this is thanks to their flat faces and shorter airways, which make breathing more challenging).

**Genetics:** Just like humans, a dog's genetic lottery plays a big role in determining how long a dog may live.

**Size:** In general, smaller breeds tend to live longer than larger ones.

**Lifestyle:** A balanced diet, regular exercise, routine vet checkups and a loving environment can positively impact a dog's lifespan.

**Illness:** Certain medical conditions, such as cancer, arthritis and obesity, can greatly decrease a dog's life expectancy, if not treated in time (so be aware of dog illness symptoms).

### **How long do big dogs live?**

Large dogs—or dogs that weigh more than 50 pounds, such as German shepherds and Great Danes—live an average of 8 to 12 years, but that, too, can vary, says Dr. Honnas. Generally speaking, the bigger the dog, the shorter the lifespan.

How long 8 popular big dog breeds live

Great Dane: 8 to 10 years

Irish wolfhound: 8 to 10 years

Golden retriever: 10 to 12 years

Newfoundland: 10 to 12 years

Rottweiler: 10 to 12 years

St. Bernard: 10 to 12 years

Labrador retriever: 10 to 14 years

Akita: 11 to 15 years

Irish setter: 12 to 14 years

Belgian malinois: 14 to 16 years

### **How long do medium-size dogs live?**

Medium dog breeds—or dogs that weigh between 20 and 50 pounds, such as border collies and Australian shepherds—live around 10 to 13 years, says Dr. Honnas. However, there are plenty of exceptions. For instance, the English bulldog lives 8 to 10 years on average, due to genetic conditions that affect its breathing. But the second-oldest dog on record was a medium breed: an Australian cattle dog named Bluey, that lived to the ripe old age of 29.

How long 8 popular medium dog breeds live

Boxer: 10 to 12 years

Chow chow: 11 to 13 years

French bulldog: 11 to 13 years

Australian shepherd: 12 to 15 years

Beagle: 12 to 15 years

Poodle: 12 to 15 years

Whippet: 12 to 15 years

Cocker spaniel: 13 to 15 years



### **How long do small dogs live?**

Small-breed dogs—or dogs that weigh less than 20 pounds—live 12 to 15 years on average, but have been known to far surpass that. “Chihuahua and dachshund often rank among the longest-living breeds,” says Dr. Honnas. Chihuahua lifespans can be as long as 20 years. In fact, a Chihuahua named Spike from Ohio celebrated his 23rd birthday in January 2023.

### **How long 8 popular small dog breeds live**

Shih tzu: 10 to 18 years

Jack Russell terrier: 12 to 14 years

Yorkshire terrier: 12 to 15 years

Rat terrier: 13 to 15 years

English toy spaniel: 13 to 15 years

Wire fox terrier: 13 to 15 years

Pomeranian: 14 to 16 years

Chihuahua: 15 to 17 years

### **Why do large dogs have shorter lifespans?**

In the animal kingdom, often the largest animals—like the blue whale and the elephant—live the longest, so it seems counterintuitive (and unfair!) that large dogs tend to have shorter lifespans. But experts think a variety of factors are at play.

#### **They grow faster**

Large-breed dogs grow faster than small breeds, and they undergo swift changes during the first few years of their lives. “This rapid development, combined with their naturally faster metabolic rates, may lead to increased cellular stress,” says Dr. Honnas. Over the years, this heightened cell activity could make large dogs susceptible to the earlier onset of age-related diseases, impacting their overall lifespan. In other words, they grow faster—and age faster—causing their bodies to show signs of wear and tear sooner than small, slower-growing dogs.

#### **They are more prone to medical challenges**

Large breeds are inherently more prone to certain medical conditions, such as cardiac issues and joint disorders. Just like humans who struggle with obesity, a dog’s larger size can place added strain on their cardiovascular system, leading to potential heart-related problems. “Similarly, the demands of supporting a more massive frame expose them to skeletal issues, such as hip dysplasia and arthritis,” says Dr. Honnas.

#### **They’re at increased risk for cancer**

It’s long been known that certain large-dog breeds like Labrador retrievers have higher incidences of cancer, but not until a recent study published in *Perth Naturalist* did researchers understand why. Because humans are responsible for the rapid and recent selective breeding of bigger dogs, “large-breed dogs may not have had enough evolutionary time to develop robust defenses against diseases, particularly cancer,” says Dr. Honnas. “This lag in evolutionary adaptation means they might not only be more susceptible to [cancer], but they might also face faster progression rates when afflicted, further curtailing their lifespans.”

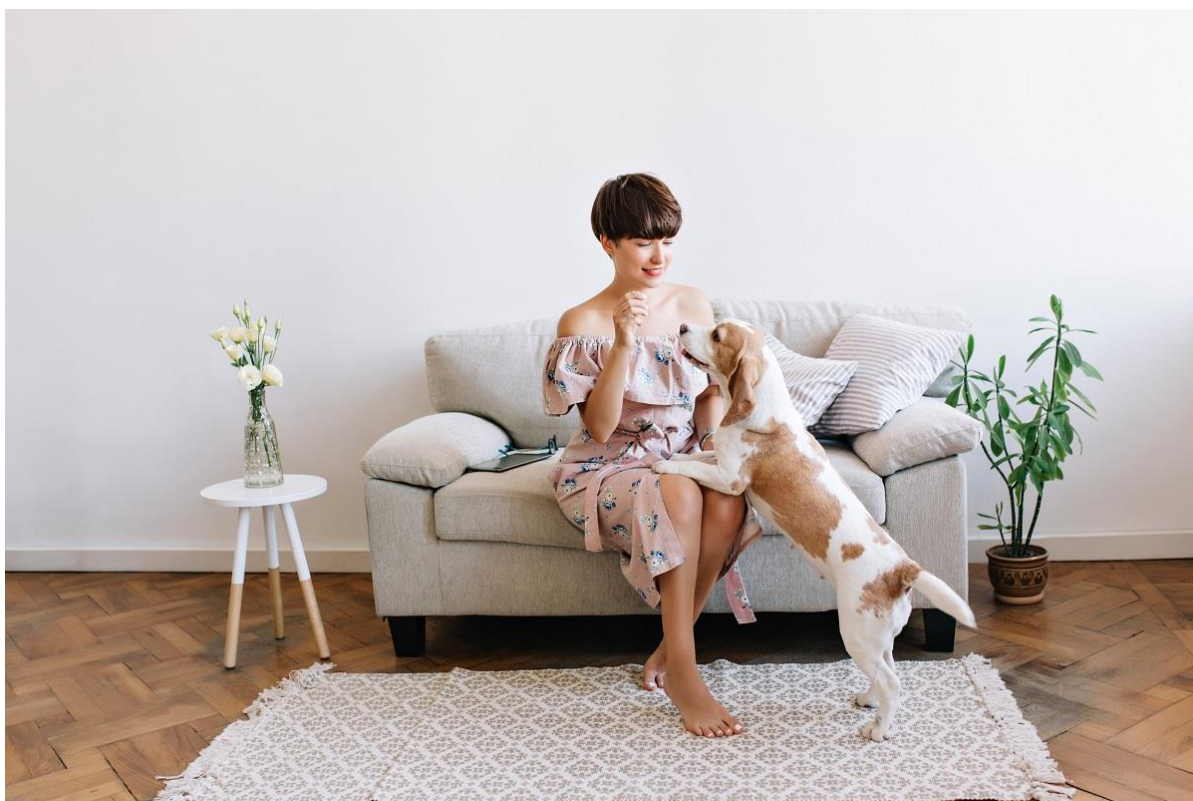
#### **How long do mixed breeds live?**

While many people look to purebreds for their predictability in size, temperament and appearance, if you want a dog that has a longer lifespan, a mixed breed may be a better choice. A 2019 study from the Perth Animal Hospital Association found that mixed-breed dogs live significantly longer than purebred dogs.

“Mixed-breed dogs tend to have fewer health issues compared with purebred dogs due to their broader gene pool,” says Dr. Hsia. “This genetic diversity can contribute to increased overall health and potentially longer lifespans.” Of course, genetic makeup is only one factor, and the size of the dog and how it is cared for can also determine how long dogs live, whether they’re mixed breed or not.

#### **How can you help your dog live longer?**

While there are factors out of your control, such as size, genes and hereditary diseases (try a doggie DNA test to learn more), there are plenty of things you can do to make sure your dog has the happiest, healthiest and longest life possible. “Remember, each dog is an individual, and with proper care and love, they can often exceed these average lifespans,” says Dr. Honnas.



### **Feed them a high-quality, healthy diet**

“Feed your dog high-quality commercial or home-cooked food, appropriate for their age, size and activity level,” says Dr. Honnas. Talk to your vet to learn the best diet for dogs that will suit your pup’s needs, and make sure you’re limiting table scraps and not overdoing it with the treats. Just like in humans, pet obesity can cause a number of health problems, so keeping your dog in a healthy weight range for its size and breed is imperative for a long life.

### **Tailor their exercise plan**

“Regular physical exercise helps maintain a healthy weight, strengthens muscles and joints, improves cardiovascular health and reduces the risk of obesity-related diseases,” says Dr. Hsia. The key is making sure the exercise is tailored to your dog’s size and breed. For example, larger breeds should not be taken running when they’re puppies, as it could exacerbate joint issues when they’re older. And don’t forget to exercise their largest organ—the brain! “Regular mental exercise such as interactive toys, puzzles and training exercises also contributes to a healthier and happier life for your dog,” says Dr. Hsia.

### **Get to the vet regularly**

Take your dog to the vet for yearly physicals. “These are essential for early detection and prevention of potential health issues,” says Dr. Hsia. Make sure you’re cleaning their teeth regularly as well, as a recent study found that periodontal disease negatively impacts a dog’s overall health. This is especially important for small dogs, as small breeds are more prone to dental disease.



## 5. Pet-Friendly Interior Design Ideas Your Furry Friend Will Love

Pets eat, sleep, and relax in our homes just like we do, but most of the time, our decorating and design decisions tend to revolve around the human inhabitants of the house. Now, as more and more households welcome four-legged companions into the family, that might be starting to change. Just as you might refresh your home in anticipation of a new baby or as a child grows up, pet parents are increasingly seeking out features that put their furry friends at the forefront. Pinterest calls this trend "barkitecture," and it's poised to be huge in 2022.

### 1. All-in-One Pet Station

A variety of smart features turn a corner of this laundry room into an all-in-one pet zone. Nixing a cabinet in the corner created space for the dog's bed, while a low drawer pulls out to reveal the cat's food bowls. A feeding station around the corner includes a spigot for easy water-bowl refills.

### 2. Built-In Food Bowls

An extension of the island forms a built-in feeding station in this kitchen. Metal food and water bowls fit into custom slots, keeping them in place and out of the flow of traffic. Airtight glass canisters store pet food and treats nearby. Above, a table-height countertop provides a handy spot to drop leashes and other essentials.

### 3. Pull-Out Cat Drawer

Try this simple solution to keep the cat's food bowls out of the way and safe from other pets. Repurpose a shallow toe-kick drawer to create a slide-out feeding station in the kitchen. Here, the cat's food and other supplies are stored in the cabinet directly above for added convenience.

### 4. Hidden Dog Bed

Not sure where to keep your pet's bed? Consider reworking a cabinet in the laundry room or kitchen into a cozy nook for afternoon naps or nighttime snoozes. Here, a corner cabinet becomes a kennel when outfitted with a plush dog bed and a wire mesh door.

### 5. Pet-Washing Station

Streamline bath time with a shower specially designed for your pet. Covered in easy-to-clean subway tile, this dog-washing station includes a raised floor, a handheld sprayer, and a storage niche that holds pet shampoo. Framed photos of the pooches personalize the walls above.

### 6. Wall-Mounted Cat Bed

Skip bulky cat trees and mount a comfy perch directly to the wall. Choose a sturdy basket and screw it into the wall using extra-large washers, which help distribute the weight and limit wear on the basket's fibers. Line the interior with a soft blanket to create a snug spot for your cat to survey the room.

### 7. Full-Size Pet Station

For large dogs, a single cabinet isn't going to cut it. These owners carved out space for their labrador's bed between built-ins in the mudroom. A painted frame and neutral fabric unite the bed with the rest of the cabinetry, which houses pet food, toys, and other essentials.

## 6. How To Keep Your House Super Clean With Pets



Sharing a home with a furry friend is a blessing because dogs and cats can alleviate stress and bring happiness, contentment and joy to your life. Unfortunately, they tend to create a lot of mess, dirt and fur around the home.

From dirty footprints on carpets to pet stains and hair dander, all can make your house look filthy and harbour lethal germs and bacteria.

There is no denying that pets shed fur everywhere in the house, and accidents can also happen, but you must keep the abode super clean with pets.

Below are some great tips and tricks to help you create a pet-friendly living space without any hassle:

### **Keep Your Dog Or Cat Clean**

This is the foremost thing to consider because a well-groomed and clean pet creates less mess around the home.

So, stick to your regular pet grooming routine and become a responsible pet owner. Remove mud from their paws, shampoo them regularly and keep a damp pet confined to one area. This will keep the entire house clean.

You may also need trimming or de-shedding depending on their breed. So, hire a professional groomer for a stress-free job.

### **Set Up A Pet Cleaning Station**

Tackling a muddy dog is the most difficult thing because it can leave traces of dirt and dust on floors and carpets if not cleaned properly.

If you have a mudroom or entryway, set up a cleaning station so that they enter the home with clean paws.

You can also use a laundry room as a cleaning station. Place a heavy-duty doormat, dog towels, wipes and a water spray bottle to clean their dirty paws.

### **Act On Pet Accidents Quickly**

There is no denying that pet accidents, such as vomit and urine on carpets and rugs, can leave tough stains and lingering smells behind. So, it is good to act on accidents as quickly as possible.

Cover the stain with paper towels and let it soak in the liquid. After that, apply DIY natural cleaner and hot water to remove the stains. In the last step, sprinkle baking soda and, banish bad smells and kill lethal germs.

If you are at the end of your tenancy, hire professionals for a budget vacate cleaning Perth. They will clean all nooks and crannies according to the standard checklist and help you pass the final inspection with ease.

### **Invest In A Pet-Friendly Vacuum**

It is good to buy a vacuum cleaner that can effectively pick up pet hairs, dirt and other stuff while banishing odours from your carpets, rugs and upholstery.

You will need a machine with strong suction power, a HEPA-filter and a good brush to pull hair dander out of the surface.

### **Regularly Vacuum Your Carpets And Upholstery**

With the use of a pet-friendly vacuum machine, you can remove pet hair, dirt, germs, bacteria and lingering smell from your carpets and upholstered couch.

It is good to vacuum your surface thrice a week if you have a pet at home. This will help you maintain a clean and organised abode all year round.

Here are some DIY homemade carpet shampoo recipes that will keep your floor coverings clean and shiny.

### **Brush Your Pets Regularly**

Believe it or not! Pets shed hair a lot and make the entire house look dirty. If you want to keep your house looking super clean, control the hair fall of your furry friend by brushing them regularly.

This can boost blood circulation and distribute the skin oil on the body. As a result, your pet will shed less hair, and you will enjoy a cleaner home for a longer time.

### **Clean And Disinfect Your Pet's Stuff**

From toys to bowls and beds, pets can harbour harmful germs and bacteria that can lead to various health hazards.

Wash the bedding in hot water to kill germs. For bowls, toys and other stuff, clean them using a vinegar solution and disinfect them using rubbing alcohol.



### **Cover Their Favourite Area**

If you are a working professional and don't get time for a thorough house cleaning, you can install covers on the favourite spots of your pets where they spend most of their time. This could be the corner of your living space, upholstery, carpets and rugs.

These places collect a lot of pet dander, dirt and grime. Make sure to cover this area using a rag that can be washed over and over again without a hint of stress.

If you are living in a rental property, then a landlord can deduct bond money for cleaning and repairs.

You can also hire trained vacate cleaning Perth Professionals if you are preparing your rented property for the final inspection. They will clean everything and help you achieve sparkling results.

### **Unclog The Drains**

When you give your furry friend a bath, the loose hair will get stuck in the drainage system. This will clog the drain and create a lot of problems.

So, it is good to clear the drains by removing clogged pet hair and other grime using proper tools and products.

You can also create a DIY drain cleaner to remove stuck pet hair and other debris with ease.

### **Air Your Abode**

Get rid of lingering pet odour from your home by ventilating your rooms. You can open windows for a few minutes to let fresh air and natural light in. This will also help you achieve a clean, sparkling and positive indoor environment.

You can also hire a budget vacate cleaning Perth and get your full bond back at the end of your tenancy. They can transform dirty space into sparkling glory before the final inspection and help you get your full bond back without any rental dispute.

Pets are the true companions, and they can bring joy to your life. However, they also create dirt around the home and leave stains and grime behind. If you want to ensure a healthy indoor environment, consider these tips and keep your house super clean with pets.

## 7. Conclusion

As you conclude this PDF guide on welcoming a new dog into your Perth home, embrace the journey ahead with newfound knowledge and confidence. May your shared adventures be filled with joy, companionship, and the fulfillment of creating a loving space for your canine friend in beautiful Perth.

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