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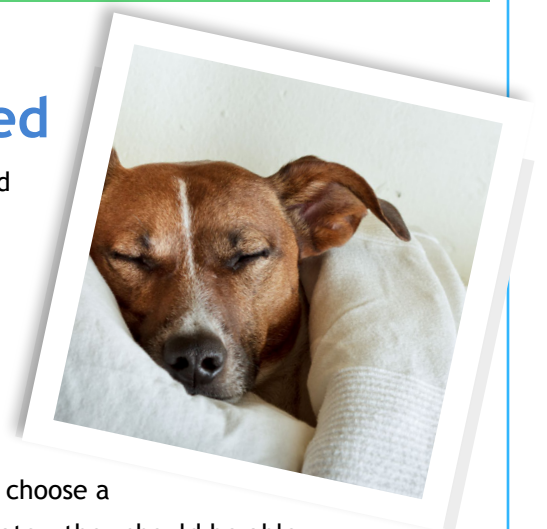
## Living With Dogs: Bedtime Bliss - How to Choose the Perfect Dog Bed

Is there anything better than a good night's sleep? Just like us, dogs need comfortable spots to rest and recharge. Choosing a bed to suit your individual dog will help them relax during the day and sleep soundly through the night. Win-win!

Here's what to keep in mind when choosing a bed for your dog:

**Size Matters:** Dogs come in various shapes and sizes, so it's important to choose a bed that's appropriate for your dog. This also applies if you're using a crate - they should be able to stand up, turn around, and lie flat with ease. Some dogs like to stretch out completely, legs flung into the air, while others prefer to curl up into a tight ball. Your dog's sleeping style may help with your selection.

**Age and Health:** Older dogs or those with joint issues may benefit from orthopaedic or memory foam beds for extra support and relieving pressure on their joints. Puppies who have just arrived home and are likely to be missing



### Dog quotes

“Dog: A kind of additional or subsidiary deity designed to catch the overflow of the world's worship.” - Ambrose Bierce

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## ... the perfect dog bed

the warmth of mom and littermates may benefit from lots of blankets for extra cosiness (they're also a snap to wash if there are accidents).

**Temperature and Climate:** In our warm climate, especially for thick-coated breeds, beds with breathable fabrics and cooling features can help your dog regulate their temperature. When the weather gets colder, towels may give extra warmth, especially for short-coated breeds. Some dogs love a cave or 'snuggle' style bed.

**Durability:** While it can be tempting to go for the cheapest option, this may not be a very lasting investment. Durable materials will mean more years of wear, and removable and machine-washable covers allow you to clean beds more easily. An important caveat: If you have a puppy or chewing-obsessed teenage dog, you might want to hold off on top-tier options until they've matured past these phases.

Sweet dreams!



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## Dogs In Action: Whizz the Water Rescue Dog

Newfoundlands are renowned for their exceptional swimming abilities, and were originally bred to help fishermen in cold waters. They're now often trained to assist people who are drowning. One extraordinary Newfoundland, Whizz, passed away in 2016 and left an unparalleled legacy as a water rescue dog.

Throughout his remarkable career, Whizz saved numerous lives, rescuing nine people and one fellow dog from drowning. He was posthumously honoured with the prestigious Order of Merit by the veterinary charity PDSA in the UK, in recognition of his exceptional work.

Among his notable rescues, Whizz made headlines in 2007 when he saved an Irish Setter named Topper from a frigid water tank without any instruction. He also rescued two children who drifted out to sea in an inflatable dinghy, saving both lives.

Collaborating with organisations such as the Royal Navy Rescue, the Severn Area Rescue Association, and the Marine Volunteer Service, Whizz's dedication and indomitable spirit are testament to the amazing abilities of dogs.



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