



Making a good home for a dog

Read through the following information then answer the questions below.

Your dog will need

All of the time:

- A dry and clean place to rest with no draughts
- Clean, fresh drinking water
- Company – dogs don't like to be left alone for too long
- A safe hiding place to go to when they feel afraid
- Suitable toys to play with
- A place that is safe, secure and free from danger
- Extra space, toys, beds and hiding places if you have more than one dog so that they do not get competitive and start fighting

During each day:

- A place to go to the toilet
- Suitable food once or twice a day
- A place to exercise at least once during the day, where they can explore, play and meet other dogs, if they are confident enough to do this
- Make sure that the size of the space and temperature that they are in is comfortable for them

Other things to remember:

- Keep your dog under control and don't let it stray
- Pick up their poo
- When you transport your dog, use a harness, crate or container that suits their needs and the size of your dog
- Keep your dog healthy by getting it vaccinated, flea treated, wormed, neutered and taken to the vet if it is ill or injured

Tick all the answers that you think are correct

- **Your dog needs to have a dry and clean place to rest with no draughts so that:**

- They can get lots of sleep
- They don't get damp and cold, and then become ill
- They can stay neat and tidy

- **Your dog needs to have the chance to go to the toilet every few hours because:**

- They cannot ask to go
- Their living space needs to be kept clean for your dog as well as yourself
- You have not got a dog toilet in your house

- **Your dog needs a place to exercise at least once a day because:**

- They need to exercise, play and meet other dogs
- They need to develop their muscles
- They have a lot of energy
- It helps you to have some exercise with your dog

- **Your dog needs a place to hide that is safe that they can get to all the time so that:**

- They do not need to be afraid anymore
- They can feel safe
- So that you can find them
- So that you know they are afraid

- **Your dog needs suitable toys to play with because:**

- It helps them to learn
- They get bored easily
- They can sharpen their teeth
- It helps them to stay clean

- **It is important to provide enough extra resources such as toys, beds and hiding places when:**

- they have got bored with the toys all the things you have provided them with
- they cannot find the things that they like
- there is more than one dog in the household

- **You have to make sure that the size of the space and temperature for your dog is right:**

- At all times
- When you leave them
- If they are going to sleep
- If they are not well

- **You need to use a crate, harness or container that suits your dog's needs and their size when:**

- They are sitting in the house
- They need to go in the car
- They need to go for a walk

- **Your dog needs to be in a safe, secure and danger free environment because:**

- They don't know what is dangerous
- They are naturally inquisitive and like to explore
- They might go out looking for somewhere safe

- **You need to keep your dog under control so that:**

- they are always safe
- they do not stray
- other people's dogs and children stay safe