Dog Bed Selection Guide

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1. Shop by Category

What makes a comfortable dog bed is as much a matter of your pet's personality as it is construction and quality. Select a style to match your pet's lifestyle, age, or temperament from these recommendations:

Bolster Dog Beds

Ideal for larger breeds - but good for all dogs - these low-profile nesters are for **pups who love to sleep with their head cradled** on an armrest or a pillow. Styles vary from half-bolsters to full 360-degree support, and feature either built-in or removable pillow pads.

Mats & Pads

Sleek and supportive mats and pads turn any uncomfortable spot into a place to bed down. Usually foam-constructed, these universal beds are **an economical way to provide comfortable rest in the home or on the go**. For older or arthritic pets, consider extra thick orthopedic pads.

Nesting Dog Beds

The security of sinking deep into a high-walled nest or overstuffed pillow-ball make this bed category an **all-time favorite for smaller breeds** and other little snugglers.

Orthopedic Dog Beds

Built to protect aged or ailing joints, orthopedic beds provide maximum support with medical-grade foam and/or box spring construction. In this category you'll find a mix of **bolsters, mats, nests, and traditional beds that our doctors recommend for older or arthritic pets**

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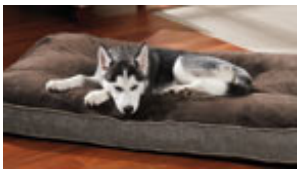


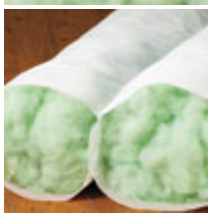
Classic Dog Beds

Traditional mattress-style beds come in **a variety of shapes and designs to meet the needs of almost any pet**. You'll find economical polyfil beds, no-shift baffled beds, and solid support foam models. Choose from stylish, chew-resistant... even waterproof options - many with washable zippered covers.

Travel Beds

Instant bedding wherever your adventures take you! From roll-up sleepers and SUV liners to all-weather cots and patio beds, **these travel beds outfit your pet with a comfortable destination after a long day's journey**.

2. Choose Your Construction



A dog bed's fill determines its support and longevity. Most economical models use polyfil alone, whereas top models combine foam, polyfil, and box spring support for superior comfort. Compare and choose which construction is best for your pet:

- **Polyfil**
  High-loft fibers made from recycled soda bottles you can fluff and refill again and again. Superior quality compared to store-bought polyfil, but at a price that's comfortable too!
- **Baffled Polyfil**
  Baffled beds float your dog on a raft of interlocking poly-filled tubes. Individual chambered design prevents shifting or bunching for uniform comfort and support.
- **Foam**
  Solid support with depth and durability. You'll find both classic and orthopedic foams in mats, cuddlers, and box beds. The best choice for older or arthritic dogs.

3. Pick a Price Range

Which dog bed is right for your budget? Since Drs. Foster & Smith beds are built to last, it's better to invest a little more now rather than buying a discount store bed you'll have to replace again soon. No matter what price tag you're looking for, budget-smart shopping is easy online when you select to view only those beds in your target range. Use the "Refine your Search" menu at the top of each category page while browsing or searching to help narrow your choices.

4. Finishing Touches: Patterns & Personalization

Make your dog's bed truly a part of your home with the perfect fabric choice and optional personalization. While shopping beds, take a closer look at our wide selection of swatch patterns, and even view what your new bed will look like in a living room setting. Simply click any swatch choice to browse a gallery of designer upholsteries to match any décor.

Many Drs. Foster & Smith dog beds can be personalized with your pet's name. Choose the monogramming option on available beds to give your pet a one-of-a-kind gift. Doesn't your one-of-a-kind companion deserve the extra attention?

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