



THIS PAGE A long, narrow hallway is the ideal location for a bookshelf and gallery wall displaying your favourite art and photographs – with roaming space for your best buddy

RIGHT This room demonstrates the effectiveness of mixing design styles, using larger furniture, such as this cheerful yellow sofa, as a focal point – with the full canine approval of Peggy!

Home, boy!

Create a haven that satisfies every dog's needs while offering comfort, creative satisfaction and a welcoming resting place for the pet lover too

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THIS PAGE Sliding doors to the garden bring mood-lifting light into this dining room, with dark wood vintage chairs and calming deep blue cushions for cavapoos Albert and Raf

RIGHT, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Maltipoo Flynn likes a lie-in; a rustic throw is the perfect spot for Eddie to take a nap; red lakeland terrier Dougie soaks up some sun in his owner's reading area under the eaves; rugs make a comfy bed for Smith the rescue dog



"A house is not a home until it has a dog"

said naturalist and writer Gerald Durrell, and research has proven that owning a dog can be beneficial for our mental and physical health. But, with all the paraphernalia that comes with a pooch, how can you welcome your best friend into your home without compromising your need for a beautiful sanctuary that reflects your personality and puts a wag in your tail too?

Dog lover and interiors expert Geraldine James leads the

• ***'Cool Dogs, Cool Homes: Living In Style With Your Dog'*** by Geraldine James, (CICO, £19.99)

way with practical tips and inspiration in her book *Cool Dogs, Cool Homes*. It's full of fresh ideas and heart-warming images to inspire homely spaces for dogs and their owners to live contentedly side by side. It features thoughtfully designed homes from city to country and coast, alongside uplifting stories of the rescue dogs that have found happiness in them.

A canine companion brings playfulness and joy into your life and the same is possible when creating a home sweet home for you both.

Jack russell print, from £20,
rocketjack.co.uk



Douglas
floral dog
duvet, £95,
lishlondon.com



Coloured throw,
£25, habitat.
co.uk

EKET
shelving
unit, £100,
ikea.com



Dog bed, £59,
made.com



Dog bowl, £5,
george.com



Cherner
armchair,
£1,152, nest.
co.uk

Diamond ikat
kantha cushion
cover, £65,
toa.st.uk



Grey velvet
cushion
cover, £45,
toa.st.uk



Elina linen throw,
£150, toa.st.uk



Doggy decor

Dogs are life-enhancing and good for our wellbeing, but not always so good for our furnishings – shed fur, dirty paw prints and unfortunate accidents are an inevitable part of being a dog owner.

Make your dog feel at home by adding throws and comfy cushions to your furniture. Choose tough fabrics that are easily cleaned or treat with non-toxic protective sprays and coatings that repel watermarks and stains. Less expensive rugs in muddy areas are a practical option, along with stylish baskets and bags to store toys and accessories. It's a dog's (and owner's) life!

Kentia palm,
from £69.99,
hortology.
co.uk



Large white
pot, £29.99,
hortology.
co.uk

Alton globe floor
lamp, £134.95,
limelace.co.uk
Textured column
vase, £30,
coxandcox.co.uk
Striped vase,
£95, oka.com



Recycled glass
table lamp, £199,
modishliving.co.uk



Brushed linen
cotton sofa,
£1,350, sofa.com



Oak and cane coffee table,
£249, made.com



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