

Tiny Homes for Very Big Pets

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Many pet owners now design special spaces for their animals. A small dog may have a house with a sofa, a window, and a tiny bed. Some cats have wall steps, secret tunnels, and shelves where they can watch the family. One creative owner even built a little office for a large dog, complete with a desk and a toy computer. These pet rooms are not always expensive. Owners often use old boxes, soft blankets, and safe pieces of wood. The rooms can also help animals feel calm when visitors come to the house. However, a pet does not always use the space in the way its owner expects. A cat may ignore a beautiful bed and sleep in the delivery box instead. A dog may prefer the kitchen floor to its luxury room.

If your pet could ask for one new room in your home, what room would it choose and what would be inside it?

1. What would your pet's perfect room look like? Describe three things inside it.
2. Why do some animals prefer a simple box or floor to an expensive bed?
3. If your pet had a job, what kind of office or workplace would it need?

4. Would it be fair to spend more money on a pet room than on your own room?
5. What funny item would you put in a pet hotel to make guests laugh?
6. Can a special room really make an animal feel safer? Give an example.