

AROUND THE HOUSE

Home decor designed for your furry canine friend

Your home is your sanctuary, the sacred place where your imagination can run wild with limitless design and décor ideas.

For families with canine companions, it can be a drag when their belongings don't match your décor — sometimes the generic stainless steel bowls are just not enough.

But, don't be discouraged! Matching your pup's things to your living area is not as complicated as it may seem. With a few tips and trendy items to spark your creativity, any dog owner can achieve their desired look.

When covering the basics — beds, bowls, and belongings — choosing the right pattern and style to incorporate into your decor is important.

Modern dog beds have come a long way since the basic floor cushion. You can now find high-quality custom made beds that can be

made using your very own fabric or by choosing from a range of styles, patterns, and colours to match your furnishings.

Berber and suede fabrics are popular bed covers, and offer a classic look that is guaranteed to complement any home. If you're feeling adventurous and have the space, make a statement with a special order hand-crafted designer bed, made to look like human colonial beds. (Consult Dogfather & Co. for order)

Matching dog feeders and dishes look great in any modern kitchen. The most unique and trendy are the ceramic or glass sets that are available in a range of beautiful colours and patterns. Depending on the size of your kitchen (and dog), they are offered in small and large sizes.

If you are looking for something to contain your dog's food, designer storage canisters are a great

option; they look good and keep food fresh.

Leashes and collars are a must for any dog. It is a good idea to purchase a dog leash hook to install near the front door of your home. Consider adding an additional hook for their coats, poop bags, as well as any other belongings they may have. This avoids searching frantically for their things before every trip outside.

For condo residents who are confined to a limited space, is it important to keep in mind that smaller is better. When purchasing dog beds, be sure the size is no bigger than a medium (unless you have a large dog), or else it may overcrowd the living area and become an eyesore. What works particularly well in a small kitchen is a raised bowl feeder; not only do they help keep the feeding area clean but they fit nicely in the corner.

If you're not sure how your dog's accessories will complement your décor, stick with neutral colours, such as black, grey, or white, that are guaranteed to look stylish and sophisticated. Dogfather & Co. offers a range of these elegant products to suit all of your design needs. Stop by we can help you find what you need to complete your home.

Join Dogfather&Co on Saturday November 30th, 2013 at 3:00pm to take part in the Calvacade of Lights event. The event will be hosted in Ramsden Park (across from Rosedale subway station), with an organized doggy fashion show and a contest for best-dressed pooch holiday cookies and doggy lattes in the park.

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