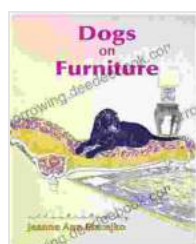


The Essential Guide to Dogs on Furniture: Kent Baker Breaks Down the Debate



Dogs are a part of our families, and we love them dearly. But when it comes to furniture, there's a big debate: should dogs be allowed on furniture? Some people believe that dogs should never be allowed on furniture, while others think it's perfectly fine.



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So, what's the truth? Is it okay to let your dog on the furniture? And if so, how can you keep your furniture clean and damage-free?

In this article, we'll explore the pros and cons of allowing dogs on furniture, and we'll provide some tips for keeping your furniture looking its best.

The Pros of Allowing Dogs on Furniture

There are several benefits to allowing your dog on furniture, including:

- **Bonding:** When you allow your dog on the furniture, it can help to strengthen the bond between you and your pet. Dogs are social creatures, and they enjoy being close to their loved ones. Allowing them on the furniture gives them a sense of security and belonging.
- **Comfort:** Dogs are often comfortable on furniture. They enjoy the soft, warm surfaces, and they can often find a comfortable spot to curl up and take a nap. Allowing your dog on the furniture can help them to feel more relaxed and at home.
- **Warmth:** Dogs can help to keep you warm on cold nights. If you're feeling chilly, let your dog cuddle up next to you on the couch. Their body heat can help to warm you up and make you feel more comfortable.

The Cons of Allowing Dogs on Furniture

There are also some potential drawbacks to allowing dogs on furniture, including:

- **Dirt and hair:** Dogs can track dirt and hair into your home, and they can shed on your furniture. This can be a problem if you have allergies or if you simply don't like the idea of your dog's hair on your furniture.
- **Damage:** Dogs can damage furniture with their claws and teeth. If your dog is a chewer, it's best to keep them off the furniture to prevent them from damaging it.
- **Territory:** Dogs may start to view the furniture as their own territory, and they may become aggressive if they feel like their territory is being threatened.

How to Keep Your Furniture Clean and Damage-Free

If you decide to allow your dog on the furniture, there are some things you can do to keep your furniture clean and damage-free:

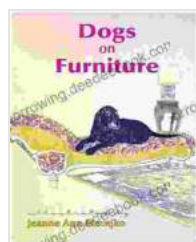
- **Use a furniture cover:** A furniture cover can help to protect your furniture from dirt, hair, and damage. There are a variety of furniture covers available, so you can find one that fits your furniture and your style.
- **Brush your dog regularly:** Brushing your dog regularly can help to remove loose hair before it ends up on your furniture. This can help to keep your furniture clean and free of pet hair.

- **Vacuum your furniture regularly:** Vacuuming your furniture regularly can help to remove dirt, hair, and other debris. This can help to keep your furniture looking its best.
- **Train your dog:** Training your dog to stay off the furniture can help to prevent them from damaging it. If your dog is already allowed on the furniture, you can try using a command such as "off" or "down" to teach them to stay off when you want them to.

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Whether or not to allow your dog on the furniture is a personal decision. There are both pros and cons to consider, and the best decision for you and your family will depend on your individual circumstances. If you decide to allow your dog on the furniture, be sure to take steps to keep your furniture clean and damage-free.

Kent Baker is a dog trainer and behaviorist with over 20 years of experience. He is the author of several books on dog training and behavior, including "The Dog Whisperer's Guide to Dogs on Furniture."



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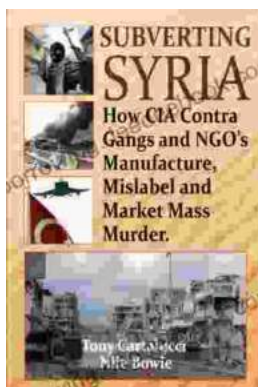
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