

# How to make a Doggie Den

## What You'll Need

- A quiet room or a cosy corner (away from windows and doors)
- A crate, small tent, or table with a blanket draped over it
- Blankets and pillows for comfort
- Your dog's bed or favourite cushion
- A few toys and chews
- A piece of your clothing (like a T-shirt that smells like you)
- A radio, or TV
- Some treats or a lick mat for distraction
- Water bowl



## How to Set it Up

- Choose a quiet spot
- Pick a room or corner as far away as possible from outside noise and windows
- If your dog has a crate, cover it with a blanket to make it dark and snug
- If not, make a den using chairs or a table and drape a blanket over the top
- Leave an opening so your dog doesn't feel trapped and can get in and out easily
- Add comfort items like their bed, blankets, and pillows inside
- Add a toy or chew to keep them busy
- Place your worn T-shirt inside for reassurance
- Close curtains and doors to muffle noise
- Play calm music, TV, or white noise to drown out fireworks
- Offer treats and praise
- Encourage your dog to explore and settle in
- Give them a treat when they go inside to build positive feelings
- Stay calm and nearby
- Dogs pick up on your emotions, so stay relaxed and speak softly.
- If they prefer to be with you, let them, some dogs like to hide while others just want to be close to their family
- Please allow them to choose and don't be offended if they want to hide

## Extra Tips

- Set up the den a few days/weeks before Halloween so your dog can get used to it
- Keep the lights dim and avoid sudden movements or noises
- Offer your dog comfort if they seek it from you by talking in a low soothing voice