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Should my dog
sleep in my bed?

If you're comfortable sharing the bed with a furry companion, then why not, says animal behaviorist Dr. Nicholas H. Dodman, author of *The Well-Adjusted Dog*. But think twice if Fido has behavioral problems. Dogs who growl or nip or otherwise act aggressively toward their owners can get downright mean when rudely awakened by a sudden toss or turn, says Dodman. Sleeping in bed is also counterproductive for dogs with separation anxiety. To set barriers, you should make them sleep in a dog bed beside you, then move it farther away from you so that he gets used to sleeping solo.



{ DOG FACTS }

How much do dogs sleep?

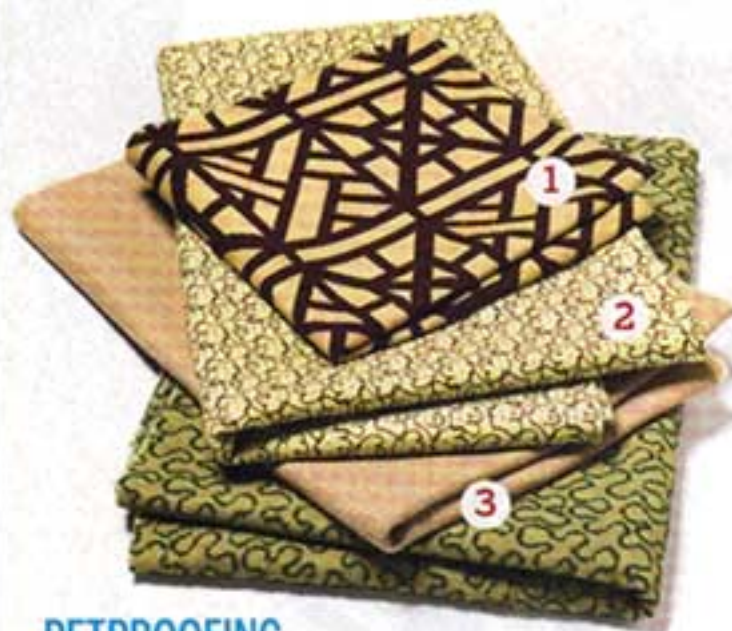
On average, they crash about 12 hours a day.

Do they dream?

Ever notice your pooch running in place while he's sleeping? Most experts say it's a sign that he's dreaming.

Where do they like to sleep?

Some breeds like to keep a close eye on things by sleeping in strategic spots, such as at the tops of staircases; others want to be right by your side.



PETPROOFING

These three companies offer fabrics and furnishings that stand up to drooling dogs and scratchy cats.

- 1_Livable Home:** Its full line of upscale furniture and fabrics stand up well to stains, drool, cat claws, and even pet hair; thelivablehomestore.com
- 2_Crypton:** Crypton sells pet-friendly fabrics, throws, and pillows, some with dog-themed patterns; cryptonfabric.com
- 3_Chella:** These "solution-dyed" acrylic fabrics look elegant, but they're as tough as an outdoor canvas awning. They're waterproof and stain-resistant too; chellatextiles.com



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