



## Arthritis and Dog Beds by CAM

The perfect dog bed does not exist! The ability to rest comfortably is a basic requirement for all of us and is particularly important for the dog with arthritis. Some dogs prefer to curl up in a basket while other want to stretch out on the floor. Dog beds should combine a draft free position with a mattress that is both supportive and conforming. The bed should be easy to get in and out of and the dog should be able to change their position without difficulty.

### Top tips

- Make sure that the dog has enough room to line themselves up to get in and out of the bed.
- Shorter legs need lower beds
- Memory foam mattresses can be purchased to standard sizes, made to measure or cut to size for you to cover. Do some research
- Dogs that struggle to step onto the mattress may find it easier if the edge is chamfered
- If you are using loose blankets put them in a duvet cover or pillowcase to prevent them bunching up and forming an obstacle. Tuck them around the mattress
- Movement of a bed, mattress or bedding on the supporting surface can be eliminated by using a sheet of Dycem under. Search on line for this product.
- Avoid hammock style beds

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