

The Dog-Safe Home & Garden Checklist

A room-by-room prevention check for puppies, adults and seniors.

Owner: _____ Dog: _____ Date: _____

Entrances and garden

Check from the dog's height and remember that digging, climbing and squeezing abilities change.

■	Gates lock securely
■	Fence bases and gaps checked
■	Visitors cannot open directly onto the dog
■	Bins, compost and barbecue waste secured
■	Sheds and chemicals inaccessible
■	Dog has shade and fresh water

Kitchen and living areas

Management prevents emergencies more reliably than expecting perfect self-control.

■	Chocolate, grapes, raisins and xylitol products secured
■	Medicines and batteries out of reach
■	Electrical cables protected
■	Small swallowable objects removed
■	Houseplants checked for toxicity
■	Windows and balconies secured

Dog equipment

Inspect rather than assume.

■	ID tag readable and microchip details current
■	Harness/collar correctly fitted
■	Leads and clips undamaged
■	Crate or bed placed away from heat and draughts
■	Toys checked for loose or broken parts
■	Car restraint or secured crate ready

Senior and mobility adaptations

Slipping, stairs and awkward access can become painful before owners realise.

■	Non-slip runners added
■	Nails and paw fur maintained
■	Steps or ramp considered for car access
■	Food, water and bed easy to reach
■	Night lighting added where useful
■	Changes in movement discussed with vet

Important: No checklist captures every household or dog. Review the setup after any escape, near miss, health change or new behaviour.

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