

BINGARA GORGE



Designing a dog friendly home.

Dogs are aptly known as 'man's best friend'. According to the RSPCA there are approximately 29 million pets in Australia, 48 per cent of which are dogs. In Bingara Gorge it is estimated that about half of homeowners own a dog.

According to Edgecliff Homes, there is an increasing number of homeowners seeking a home design that caters for furry friends.

Cassy Morley, Founder at Edgecliff Homes comments, "Dogs are just as much a part of the family as everyone else and have important needs too that can easily be adapted into the design of a new family home. Inclusive pet friendly features help dictate how a family lives in the home with their furry friends. Dog ownership figures in Australia are very high. The inclusion of pet friendly aspects will also add value when the asset is sold."

"The number one consideration is what type of dog do you have. Is it large or small? The size will help determine what elements could be included. As with all home choices, think about the budget that will be allocated towards furry friends. The sky is the limit with ideas."



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"Built in dog baths either as part of or next to the laundry and dog water stations built into the kitchen or laundry are becoming very popular home design additions", added Cassy.

A full dog grooming station with hot and cold dog bath; built in water station with bowls and own tap to refill; built in dog doors to block off certain areas when they are home alone; dog room built under the stairs to give them their own cubby house and space to relax; dog food stations built into joinery to hide dog food containers as well as built in dog beds in certain rooms will be showcased in Cassy and Jarrod's new home.

"We are currently building our forever home in Bingara Gorge. Every part of the design has been made with our three black labradors - Charlie, Shelby and Bailey front of mind. From floor plan layout, internal colour selection, landscape design and functionality aspects, they are all tailored to the dogs' needs for day-to-day living."



Key questions to ask that will ultimately help shape the final design -

- How does your family live within the home with your dog?
- What built in items could help look after your furry friends and be aesthetically pleasing as well?
- How old is your pet?
- What floor plan layout should be considered to accommodate the dog/s future needs?
- Does your pet have a space that is their own but still near the family action?
- Do you have a space that is safe for them when you are not at home with them?

"Dogs bring much love and joy into new homes and need to be considered from the onset in home designs. Happy pets and children will inevitably lead to a very friendly abode that families can enjoy during a lifetime. We know our labradors will love their new home," concluded Cassy.

To discuss furry friend home design requirements and ideas visit edgecliffhomes.com.au

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