



Staying Off Furniture

From Day One, No Dogs on Furniture

If you do not want your dog to go on the furniture ever, the easiest way to accomplish this is to make the decision before you bring your new dog home that you will never allow your dog on the furniture. If your dog does go on the furniture, immediately give them a verbal correction. They will learn very quickly that furniture is not the place for them.

If your dog is already accustomed to going on the furniture but you want to discourage them from going on certain pieces, try some of the following options.

Give Your Dog Attractive Options

- Make sure that there are comfortable dog beds or blankets in the areas where your dog wants to hang out; this will almost certainly be where you hang out.
- If you notice that your dog is going on furniture only for certain reasons (such as to watch family activities), encourage them to use one specific chair of your choosing. Put a towel or blanket on that chair, and praise your dog when they use their "special chair."

Make the "Good" Furniture Unappealing

- Stand the cushions on end, or place a large empty box on the chair (so there is no room for your dog to lie down).
- Purchase a dog training alarm that will activate if your dog jumps on the furniture.
- Place something on the seat that makes it unappealing to your dog, such as a piece of aluminum foil.

The Austin Dog Alliance, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, provides the following programs:

- Rescue: Our foster parents provide a nurturing home environment for dogs.
- Youth Outreach: Dog-related educational programs for area schools and youth groups.
- Deaf Community: Uniquely tailored youth and adult dog training taught in sign language.
- Dog Training: We provide a wide variety of fun and educational dog training classes.
- Pet Therapy: We provide seminars, classes, evaluations, placement, and support to therapy teams in local schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

