

How to plan a dog-friendly wedding



DOGGY DAY PLAN 🐾

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR EXAMPLE DAY PLAN FOR DASH TO HELP BUILD YOUR OWN 🐾

Event/activity	How is Dash likely to feel and behave?	How to help Dash have a good time
Bridesmaids arriving for hair and make up.	Dash is often a little worried by visitors and sometimes barks at guests. He needs a lot of attention when people are at the house.	Book Dash's normal dog walker for when everyone arrives. Once back home, give him a long-lasting food release toy so he can be a part of the activity doing something fun, but separate from guests.
Travelling to the venue in the wedding car.	Dash loves car journeys but isn't allowed in the wedding car.	Uncle Bob to drive Dash to the venue in his car - already has guard across boot and Dash has travelled in Uncle Bob's car several times.
The wedding itself in the Hall.	Dash finds it difficult to settle for long periods and be quiet.	Nephew Joe to sit at the back of the hall with Dash and lead him up the aisle to deliver the rings - and then take him back in case he gets too excited being at the front. Joe will have tasty long-lasting chews for Dash and is prepared to pop him outside if necessary.
Mingling with guests, having photos and canapes.	Dash enjoys meeting people outside but can jump up for attention and has been known to steal food.	Dash to be kept on a lead at all times for the photos. Bridesmaid will have a bag of treats to reward good behaviour and in case he needs distracting. Dog walker booked for when canapes served.
Dinner and speeches	Dash is used to settling while we have dinner at home, but he might bark at the sound of clapping/cheering.	Dash's crate will be set up next to the top table and he will have a puzzle feeder inside the crate while the toast and speeches go on.
Party - live music/DJ	Dash is likely to find this overexciting and the noise may worry him.	A friend who usually dog sits Dash whilst we are on holiday will take Dash home for the night after dinner.
In an emergency or if Dash isn't coping well.		Nephew Joe to take Dash for a walk or a friend to take him home.

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