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Dogs, Cats and Great Interiors: You Can Have Them All

That is what Mr. Explosions did after moving his crate from room to room, eventually settling on the bedroom as the least obtrusive spot. "I went to B&Q Fabrics, near Times Square, bought some fabrics, and whipped up a crate cover using every fortuitous fragment," he said. "It's small, patterned, unobtrusive and dry-cleanable."

For those of us who are not quite as handy, made-to-order covers can be found on Etsy, they generally roll up to allow ventilation.

If the crate is small enough, tucking it under a bench or desk can also hide it enough — something that works for cat litter boxes as well.

"In my foyers, I have a large bench that is usually used as a waiting area for putting on and taking off shoes," said Ashley Durrill, an interior designer in Manhattan, who has a Brussels Griffon named Michelle. "Underneath it I placed our dog's cage, so any one is the door sticking out when it's a bit. Not only does it allow easy access to put Madison in every day when I leave, but I'm inconspicuous and doesn't ruin the aesthetic of the space.

DRIED FLOWERS: When it comes to houseplants and pets, we'll recommend keeping your pets away from plants, whether they're toxic or not," said Michael Sweet, a植物ologist for the American Veterinary Medical Association. "Certainly poisonous plants, like certain types of lilies, daffodils and elephant's ears, pose a much greater threat than non-toxic plants, like roses, bromeliads and bamboo. But even some non-poisonous plants can cause stomach upset and illness. For the benefit of your pets - and your plants - keep plants out of the reach of your pets, if at all possible!"

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has a comprehensive list of plants that are toxic to pets on its website.

MAKE YOUR PET'S WORLD friendly. Consider the colors of your pets' toys when choosing a color scheme," said Gordon Ferguson, director of the environmental design at Harrisson Design, in Atlanta, "that way, the inevitable shedding is less noticeable than the red and black of the carpet.

MEETING A FRIEND: When you have two cats, she reached her living room draper to her cat friends. When she has company, she said, "I don't know what the cat behavior is," for she doesn't like them to be too close.

The Furnishings. For a small room, several pet owners have custom-made pet beds and dog crates built into their homes. In the case of Mr. Mark J. American Architects, in Southampton, N.Y., has created around 15 pet beds for its clients, from an integrated pet bed tucked under a kitchen peninsula to a built-in doggy den with ornate black-metal gates opening to a hallway and reading room. The Firma's clients want their pet accessories "to look more brown" said Mark's Faure in the space. "The pet spots should look just like the rest of the room."

We advise anyone creating a pet-friendly:- Don't put the pet house too close to the cat's door."

Ms. Ferguson of Harrison Design, said her firm has designed "pocket doggy gates, that look away from the wall." That way, she said, "the gates allow owners to comfortably contain the dog while entertaining, and the gate disappears when not in use."

For her cats, she designed a build-in litter box, "When I moved into a smaller house with two cats," Ms. Ferguson said, "I created a private kitty box with a hinged door and an automatic cleaning system."

"I didn't do it on my own," she added. "I believe my guests had any dog when they came to the house."

CLOTHES DRYER:isto close the dog crate, by its corner and secure when no one is home. Your best bet is to cover it with fabric that coordinates with your decor.

Clockwise from left: Annie Selke's basket bound on its Lipsey Panama rug; a bunny in the living room; a bunny with a fuss for dinner; a book on dog care designed by Karen Fagnano; wooden baskets for toy storage and red wood leg is a go-to for Erick J. Explosions, and Quirky.