

Read the article and answer the questions.

"Barkitecture" is a combination of the words for a sound a dog makes and architecture. But what does it mean? Many people think it is the next big thing in home decorating. "Barkitecture" is all about keeping your pet in mind when redecorating. Currently, many dog spaces are parts of other rooms in the house. "Barkitecture" will see a trend of owners designing special areas just for their dogs.



People are looking for nicer things to make their dogs' rooms more comfortable. This includes beds that are actual furniture and houses designed specifically for cats. Apparently, online searches for luxury dog rooms have increased by over 100%. And the number of people looking for dog beds has increased greatly too. But it's not only dogs. More people are making special places for their cats to sleep, relax, and play. These places are often designed to be stylish and luxurious.

If you want your house to be friendly for pets, you might start by getting furniture that your dog can use, and a good vacuum cleaner. But what other things can you do to make your house pet-friendly in 2022? "This trend might mean creating a luxury dog bedroom, or designing cat-friendly shelves and scratch posts," Leah Henderson, a professional "barkitect" told our reporter.



The trend that Leah is talking about is not about hiding pet toys when visitors come over. Instead, it is about putting pet toys, beds, and baskets front and center. Your house is a pet-friendly house and you want to show it off.

So what is behind this trend? Probably, it is because people's dogs and pets became their best friends and provided them with love and companionship during the recent pandemic. Also people were spending more time at home with their pets. So, as people have realized how important their dogs and other pets are in their daily lives, they started to treat them with more care.

1. What does "barkitecture" mean?

2. How important are dogs and other pets in people's daily lives?

3. What are some things people are doing to make their house pet-friendly this year?

4. What is the difference between "barkitecture" and traditional pet-friendly houses?

5. What do you think the future of "barkitecture" holds?

6. Are you a fan of "barkitecture"? Why/why not?