



*Providing excellent sleeping environments for dogs at home,  
in kennels, while at the vets and on holiday*

# ***Beds for Clinical and Kennel Environments***

- *Supporting infection control strategies*
- *Aiding patient recovery*
- *Reducing practice running costs*



***Tough, waterproof, antibacterial fabrics with  
thermally welded seams and  
robust high density supportive foams***

***Active Recovery Beds  
Kennel Beds • Physiotherapy Mats • Veterinary Pads***

# ***Beds for Clinical Environments***

In busy veterinary practices, infection control must be easily implemented to ensure best practice is adopted at all times. The Big Dog Bed Company's Clinical Range is designed to support infection control strategies while also saving time and reducing costs.

All our veterinary products combine a foam core with a tough, antimicrobial waterproof, vapour permeable cover. Thermally welded seams prevent moisture ingress to the bed core, making them ideal where infection control is paramount. The smooth, warm to touch polyurethane (PU) coated stretch fabric will not support microbial growth and is easily cleaned with a cloth or hose, with or without the use of disinfection. Temperature tolerance is 60°C.

Waterproof to >2m head, there is no fluid seepage to the foam, while the vapour permeable characteristic of the fabric prevents 'sweating' through condensation, helping to keep patients dry. The stretch nature of the fabric minimises the risk of puncture and claws cannot gain purchase on the smooth finish.



In situations where there is a large throughput of animals with compromised health, these products both deliver clinical benefits, and lower costs through reducing the staff time spent in cleaning activities and cutting water and electricity use.

High quality foams provide patients with a comfortable resting surface. Foam depth and density are varied according to the requirements of

different functions and the size and likely weight of occupants, while castellation is used to provide a pressure relief option in our Active Recovery Beds. Memory foam may be selected for use with particularly vulnerable patients where heat retention is beneficial.

***We aim to provide flexible, fit for purpose, high quality bedding products for clinical use. If you have a particular requirement you do not feel is listed here, please contact us to discuss.***



## ***Veterinary Pads***

Veterinary Pads are designed for use in crates and short stay kennels without any other bedding. They are tough, lightweight and easy to handle and wash. Being non-absorbent, the beds may be cleaned in situ by mopping, without the need to disturb the patient. In mesh based crates, they provide comfort while helping potentially incontinent patients stay dry.

Four colours – teal, navy, purple and cream - enable rapid identification, facilitating the dedicated use of one colour in specific parts of the practice.

Standard foam depths are 25mm, 40mm and 50mm. These beds are not designed for long stay patients, for which we recommend our 100mm deep Kennel Beds. Either high density foam or memory foam may be selected. Pads are made to fit the crates used within a practice.

## ***Physiotherapy Mats***



These mats are designed to accommodate both patient and therapist during physiotherapy sessions. The therapist is afforded easier access and greater comfort by the large size of the mats and the risk of patients falling off the working area is reduced.

A mat depth of 50mm provides a highly stable platform for the dog to walk on which aids confidence building. In orthopaedic environments, a large thin cushion ensures the patient is fully supported while avoiding any risk of tripping or unsteadiness. Two standard sizes are available: 110 x 160cm and 140 x 200cm. Other sizes are available on request.

## ***Surgery Pads***

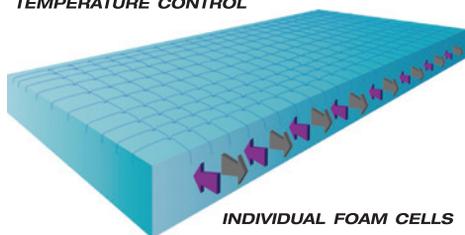
Surgery Pads provide a surface that facilitates heat retention and reduces the potential for bruising during prolonged surgical procedures. They are a bespoke item that can be made to fit virtually any table-top in the surgery. Memory foam is the norm for this application and our clinical PU welded covers provide a waterproof, aseptic, easy clean surface. The cream colour is particularly pertinent for this use as it facilitates the monitoring of fluid loss. Strap fastenings ensure the pads stay in place. For simpler shapes, dimensions are sufficient for ordering. Tables with curved edges will require a template to be made.

# Active Recovery Beds

These pressure relief beds are designed to promote an improved sleep pattern in dogs with joint issues or those rehabilitating after an injury. The castellated bed structure allows the individual foam elements to move directly in response to the amount of pressure applied. This differential movement of individual foam cells ensures an even distribution of pressure thereby minimising loading to any one area.



**AIR FLOWS EASILY FOR  
TEMPERATURE CONTROL**



**INDIVIDUAL FOAM CELLS  
ENSURE EVEN PRESSURE  
DISTRIBUTION**

## ***Applying Sleep Science to Dog Beds***

The Active Recovery Bed has been developed in conjunction with Falcon Sport™ and benefits from the research conducted during the development of their mattresses for NHS bariatric patients.

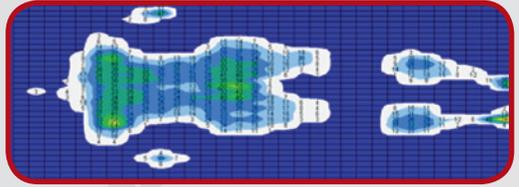
Falcon Sport™ has undertaken extensive testing and pressure mapping of different foam configurations to develop a high quality pressure relief surface. Pressure mapping has demonstrated that a pressure relief environment is maintained over extended periods. Falcon Sport™ foam design have received approval from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) for use in the NHS.

This science has now been applied to develop the Active Recovery Bed. No other dog bed offers a well researched pressure relief sleeping platform, designed specifically to promote an improved sleep pattern in dogs with joint issues or those rehabilitating after an injury.

Beds are offered with a 5cm deep castellated memory foam layer on a 5cm high density upholstery foam base. Alternatively, where it is desirable to avoid the heat retention effect of memory foam, a solid castellated foam is available.



The density of the solid foams is modified according to the size of the bed, a higher density foam being used for larger heavier dogs. In this way, the support offered by the beds is always appropriate to the size and weight of the occupant.



These beds are recommended for longer stay surgery and orthopaedic patients, using our clinical PU covers with waterproof fabric and welded seams.

### ***Patient Care in the Home***

The Active Recovery Bed may also be sold by the Practice to clients for use at home. Active Recovery Beds for use in domestic environments are offered with hard wearing upholstery fabric covers that are easy clean, waterproof, urine and stain resistance, and antibacterial and come in a wide range of colours.

These beds will also benefit working dogs, restoring muscles and contributing to alertness, decision making and overall functionality, ensuring that they are maintained in good health and always ready for the next day's activity.

### ***Kennel Beds***

Kennel Beds are combination of high density foam (7.5cm) topped by 2.5cm memory foam, designed for longer stay patients. This deep, supportive bed reduces the risk of bed sores developing, and provides a high quality sleep environment which will reinforce recovery. Kennel Beds can be made to measure and also come in seven standard sizes. The same welded cover fabric is used on the Kennel Bed.

<b><i>Bed Sizes (cm)</i></b>	<b>80 x 60</b>	<b>90 x 60</b>	<b>120 x 60</b>	<b>105 x 75</b>	<b>120 x 85</b>	<b>134 x 95</b>	<b>145 x 105</b>
<b><i>Active Recovery</i></b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b><i>Kennel Beds</i></b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Vetinary Pads are made to fit practise crates.  
Made to Measure: All styles of clinical bed are available as a made to measure option.*



***100% Designed and made in the UK.***



# Why Provide Good Quality Beds in Your Practice?

Sleep is a vitally important contributor to animal health, wellbeing and behaviour. In a clinical environment, good quality sleep promotes recovery from surgery and reduces animal stress. General health is maintained at a higher level, contributing to the more rapid return of the animal to their home.

The immune system requires good quality rest to function well and muscle repair only takes place when an animal is asleep. Appetite, important to recovery and an indicator of wellbeing, is negatively influenced by tiredness and poor sleep quality. Physiological activities associated with cell growth and repair are increased during sleep. Hence, the provision of a comfortable sleeping environment for patients will contribute to satisfactory outcomes for practise patients and their owners.

The benefits of a well rested patient also contribute to the bottom line. An animal that is less stressed will be more cooperative when clinical activities are carried out, allowing these tasks to be completed more rapidly. Complications are minimised where general animal health is maintained and an improved rate of recovery allows patient to be discharged after a shorter stay, freeing up practice space and increasing capacity.

The clinical products developed by the Big Dog Bed Company are designed to support excellence in veterinary care and to help in the delivery of the best possible outcomes for patients.

*All our bed covers are waterproof, antibacterial, antifungal, vapour permeable, urine and stain resistant. All fabrics and foams comply with CRIB 5 fire retardancy regulations as a minimum. The weldable PU fabric is certified as meeting Oeko-Tex® Standard 100 for products that come into contact with babies. Antibacterial properties are provided by Santized Clariant Benelux. This fabric may be cleaned using disinfectants used in the health care sector.*



*The Big Dog Bed Company designs and makes stylish, practical dog beds in the UK. The highest quality components and clever construction are combined to provide beds that are robust, good looking and easy care.*

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