

## Tips when including Pets in your Wedding

*If you are one of these people treating their pet as a member of their family, you should seriously consider incorporating your furry loved one into your wedding day. You've got a bunch of possibilities to do it. He could be the sign holder, the flower girl escort or even the ring bearer. Obviously he could simply attend as an honoured guest as well. However several key considerations must be taken into account.*

- **Kind of animal:** Nowadays we own all kind of "pets" from lizards to snakes. Obviously some of these exotic animals could be dangerous. In addition, guests could be really terrified. Not all of them are suited to a wedding.
- **Personality:** Your fluffy friend can be either energetic & nervous or sweet & quiet. As he will play a key role on your wedding day; make sure to be prepared, avoiding any kind of problems and mishaps this way. Prepare him by walking in your communal park one hour a day or let him participate to a camp training for exerting himself. If he's too nervous with people around him limit his role and perhaps he will leave then during the ceremony.



- **Role:** Whatever his role, be patient & flexible as your pet may not do all the things you have planned. Ensure your pet is appropriate for the kind of wedding you desire.
- **Check with your venue:** Some venues (ceremony + reception) don't allow pets so ensure you check them out in advance. Perhaps considering an outside ceremony would be easiest to incorporate pet into. Notify your officiant as well. Check to ensure no toxic plants or something else which could be a danger for your fluffy pet.



- **Let your guests know about it:** One of additional problems you could meet would be guest pet allergies making their presence unpleasant. Let Guests know as soon as possible perhaps in your save-the-date card or on your website and of course work of mouth.
- **Pet accessories/costumes:** Pending to your wedding theme & colour palette, dress your cute pet in matching attire e.g.: wearing a flower crown, a short skirt, a bow tie with a tuxedo or even a knot-shaped pin. Ensure it doesn't obstruct his breathing or movement.



- **Dog food:** Take some food for your pet and check if he always has fresh water at his disposal ensuring he will be well fed throughout the day.
- **Keep an eye on him:** To avoid mishaps, decide on someone who could keep an eye and handle with your pet. Never let him alone! If there is no friend or a member of your family available hire a handler.

