

Creature Comforts

Got Cat Scratch Fever?

The Scratching Swirl - is it art or is it a fine piece of furniture? It's both and a great scratching perch for your pampered puss. Cats can scratch their claws on the exterior or interior of the swirl as both sides are covered with natural sisal. The top of the swirl is a great lookout post and the interior provides space for napping or playing with toys. Legs and trim are made from aluminium. Currently available only in the US, the price is approx A\$510.00 plus shipping and handling www.postmodernpets.com



Keeping kitty safe

Here's a reflective collar with safety in mind, all without compromising good looks. It also has a quick release safety clasp that snaps open should the collar get caught on a branch. A tinkly bell also helps to lessen the chances of birds ending up as a present on your doorstep. Found in high quality pet stores RRP \$8.50



Putting the pep back into your pooch or puss

Across the Tassie there's a bunch of scientists from Massey University who've come up with a multivitamin and mineral supplement in liquid form. The combination of essential nutrients apparently improves skin and coat condition, food utilisation and digestion. It contains both fat and water soluble vitamins suspended in enriched omega 3 & 6 fatty acids. The folk in white lab coats discovered that there was a 99.5% absorption rate. Tasty flavouring including garlic, yeast and meat makes this palatable to your cat or dog. A 300ml pouch contains enough for 15 average meals. They recommend the product be given every day for 21 days as a 'boost' and then every second day thereafter. MyBeau Vitamin & mineral supplement is found in good pet stores RRP \$12.00 for 300ml



Taking the funk out of your ferret

Ferret fanciers know that these cute little critters can get a little on the nose and human shampoo is not recommended for sensitive skin. Here's a sweet smelling shampoo for bath time to gently clean without stripping essential coat oils. It's coconut based, pH balanced and has conditioning agents for easy grooming. All instructions are found on the bottle but no tips for catching the little rascals for bath time. RRP \$10.95 for 200ml

Cats love to be bugged

Cats are fascinated by flying and fluttering critters so they'll be mesmerised by this innovative and fun toy. Fan powered air circulates so that little Mylar bugs come to life and flutter around. The exterior is shatterproof and it has a rocking base so that your cat can safely swat and play without it tipping over. If that wasn't enough catty swatting fun, nocturnal cats can be entertained into the night—the bugs can be charged under a light so they glow in the dark. Four AA batteries required, supervision suggested. Available only through high quality pet stores RRP \$37.95



Fluster Duster—preener musta

Birds love toys and this combines interactive fun for pickers, preeners and chewers. Peacock feathers provide the preening fun and can help prevent parrots becoming pickers. The quick link attachment can safely be attached to any prime position within a cage. Who says that peacock feathers in house are bad luck? Your bird's going to think they're the luckiest of tweeters to get their beaks and claws onto the Fluster Duster. RRP \$14.95



Colourful cat couture

Rogz make collars and leads for people who love seeing colour on their pets. Pictured here is the 'Elasto-cat' collar, of a rubber polymer featuring three-dimensional designs in a range of colours and motifs. All have an extreme theme featuring surfing and skateboarding kitties. Found at good pet stores RRP \$19.99



Does my butt look big in this?

Master lounge-wear designer, Peter Alexander has put his design skills to pet wear. His emphasis has always been on funky yet practical and comfy designs. This coat is made from faux suede and lined with faux wool. It features bone detail and practical pocket to carry poo bags. Both neck and tummy straps are adjustable. In sizes small, medium and large in colours pale blue/white and chocolate/white. www.peteralexander.com.au \$49.00



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Pretty yet practical

If you're looking for a functional dog collar yet want some nice detailing, then we've found an affordable option. Made by Beau Pets from nylon webbing with diecast metal hardware with sparkly diamante detailing, the collar comes in a range of colours and sizes from 35cm to 55cm. Matching leads are also available in this style. Prices for collars range from \$14.00 to 29.00



Super food for super dogs

Supercoat have just launched new 'Slide Seal' bags for their variety of Aussie made dog food. The slide seal bags are easy to open and then reseal to maintain freshness. The new design means that there is no spillage, no spoiling and no need to transfer the food into a suitable air-tight container. The special seal can be found in the 8kg, 10kg and 12kg sizes which is great for people wanting a more economical purchase without the risk of losing nutrients or yucky bug infestation. Supercoat is made Australia with all-natural ingredients.



Portability for your 'Paris Hilton Special'

Cool couture for mini mutts is available exclusively through Melbourne based Finn & Sootie. The 'Madison Couture' bag is hand made out of Italian leather and has gold plated hardware. Convenient dual front and rear zipper ensure elegant entry and exit with ventilation flap. No airbags come with this fine accessory but for safety it has a high impact, industrial plastic collapse protection frame. Weight capacity is 2.7kg for small dogs and is \$935.00 gst inclusive www.finnandsootie.com.au

Happy mice love the Habitrail



Little mice will love this all-in-one unit and you'll love the ease of how compact and simple it is to clean. The unit is fun and easy to assemble (an Urban Animal editor was found on the office floor and had it together in minutes). It has everything a mouse will need for a safe, fun environment. There's a suspended fly-wheel which spins 360 degrees ensuring your rodent will get plenty of exercise. A mushroom shaped water dish with debris shield means shavings do not contaminate fresh water. It also comes with a food dish and a mushroom shaped platform that provides elevated viewing area and separate nesting space. Large rounded corners and wire-protected edges resist chewing and escape. Two closure discs either end of the unit mean that you can put other 'add-ons' from the Habitrail range to create even more fun play and exercise space. Found in high quality pet stores RRP \$69.95



Cool Kitty Spa

The CatSpa is a sensory playground for curious cats. It features a variety of textures with hidden catnip compartments. Designed for cats who like to rub, roll and bite objects in investigation. There's a range of sculpted ripples and massaging points and a gum stimulator that you can fill with catnip so that catnip-crazed kittys can chew on to clean teeth and gums. Parts remove for ease of cleaning. Found in high quality pet stores RRP \$54.50



We hope you never have to use these but...

These highly reflective stickers are designed to alert emergency personnel that precious pets are within your house or apartment. Suitable for adhering to windows, door or letterbox--anywhere the sticker can be visible at main entry or exit points. Use a permanent marker to tick or indicate how many of each species you have. www.zigandtig.com

Keep your canine cool

Great fun for hot days play, the Chilly Bone will add an extra dimension to playtime. Filled with a non-toxic water absorbing sponge that can be frozen time and time again. Extra tough variety stimulates gums and assists in cleaning. The cooling sensation can also sooth puppies with teething and hopefully keep them from chewing your favourite shoes. Available through high quality pet stores RRP \$29.95



Blow the budget

Classic, leather handbag manufacturers, Coach, have come out with a range of collars and leads in a variety of materials and finishes. Pictured here is one that features a charm from their novelty range. Beautifully crafted of calfskin with vachetta leather lining with nickel roller buckle with signature logo. Available only through Coach stores. www.coach.com US\$42.00

For a night at the opera

Nothing to wear for a special occasion? Glam up any party animal with this adjustable topaz coloured necklace with bone detailing. Fits small to medium sized dogs. Order online at www.peteralexander.com.au \$29.00

