

# Internet Interpet

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The great thing about cruising the Internet for new and unusual pet products is that you come across some wacky sites as well as side-splitting pet things. There seems to be no limits to the bizarre.

Have a look at [www.petgadgets.com](http://www.petgadgets.com) which spotlights new products. From a vibrating reptile feeder dish (making dead food appear live and kicking), a Water Wiggler to attract birds and keep mosquitos from breeding to a Critter Cord that is a power cable cover infused with a citrus scent to stop pets from chewing them, this site has a strange variety of innovations for all types of pets.

Probably the most high tech one we've seen in a long time is a USB drive in a protective cover that snaps onto your pet's collar and stores a huge amount of information on the creature. There are a couple, but the most novel is the Top Tag Pet ID, designed to provide complete care information to friends, vets, kennels, pet sitters and rescuers who may be responsible for your pet's welfare and special needs.

It has its own software to allow you to load in details of your pet's medical condition and vet including medication, allergies, illnesses and treatments. You can also have details on food needs from home cooked meal recipes, special snacks, liquids—other than water—feeding times and rituals. There's even a section to provide information on what to do if the pet dies and what arrangements should be made. And if you have routines for care, commands that it responds to or any special info, you can easily write, organise and retrieve ALL your pet's information.

Too much information! Go to [www.toptagpetid.com](http://www.toptagpetid.com)

It was originally made for K9 police work but now you can buy the Hot Dog which is a device that is mounted in a car and monitors the conditions within it. When the temperature exceeds a programmed setting, the device automatically lowers two electric windows, activates the car horn or lights and can even activate a pager to alert you up to a couple of kilometers away of the danger to your pet. It also works with a smoke and carbon monoxide detector and an intrusion detector.

• [www.criminalisticsinc.com/products/hotdog/hotdog.htm](http://www.criminalisticsinc.com/products/hotdog/hotdog.htm)

Hollywood starlets love to be seen with ultra tiny dogs popping out of their handbags. Don't ask us why. But why should starlets have all the fun, when you can strap on your own pup and go for a stylish stroll. That's the idea behind this latest accessory, the Doggie Bag.

"Carry it by the handles or fling the straps around your shoulder or even waist, it enables the dog lover to go out and about with a little furry friend literally by their side. The straps can also be adjusted so they can be used like a normal lead. The idea is unlikely to appeal to traditionalists who believe dogs should be walked not carried, but in today's consumer society pet accessories have become big business.

• [www.glamourdog.com/puppy-purses.html](http://www.glamourdog.com/puppy-purses.html)

Too lazy to bicycle with your dog? Why not get it to tow you?

The Dog Powered Scooter comes in one or two dog models. This new dog scooter design is revolutionary and has many benefits. Particularly appropriate for urban use on bike paths and sidewalks. The human is in total control of the speed and direction of the scooter because the dog is harnessed inside of the frame and subject to its steering (90 deg. turns easy) and braking force. This also simplifies the animal's 'choices' and reduces the level of 'training' required of the animal.



The Dog Powered Scooter

Simply harness the dog and clip them into the frame and off you go. With just a few outings pulling the scooter the dog quickly learns when to slow (by feeling the braking) and which direction to turn by again 'feeling' the side pull on the harness. Dogs love it because it takes little 'effort' to pull the scooter and they get exercise next to their owner. The owners love it because they are exercising their pets with little effort on their part and getting a fun free ride! The harness connection insures that no downward loads are applied to the dog or scooter.

• [www.dogpoweredscooter.com](http://www.dogpoweredscooter.com)



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• [www.k9kalmer.com](http://www.k9kalmer.com)

It's a snack treat launcher, shaped like a gun that shoots disc shaped treats about the size of a ten cent piece through the air. It's said to fight obesity since it encourages the pet to run and jump after the treat. Doesn't do much for the owner though! And of course, the treats come in three flavours—Beef, Chicken and Mighty Mint

• [www.snackshotz.com](http://www.snackshotz.com)

The Wowo Dog Pod, by Vurv Design, is targeted at hip, design-conscious pet owners and their pampered pets. Wowo's bent ply products have a distinct mid-century aesthetic, and cater to pet owners who want their pet accessories to complement the beauty of their modern furnishings. More of a recliner than a pet bed, it's like an Eames chair for your best friend.

• [www.vurv.ca/pod/pod.htm](http://www.vurv.ca/pod/pod.htm)

Puppy Butt Wall Hooks are cute enough to hang in a hallway, bathroom, pantry, garage, or anywhere you need a hook, these poly-resin hooks that look like three rear ends of dogs with waggin tails are mounted on wood and will add a humorous touch to your home. Perfect for all the pet lovers in your life.

• [www.collectionsetc.com/Item76178.aspx](http://www.collectionsetc.com/Item76178.aspx)

Make your own pupsicles. Customize a fun treat for your dog by suspending his favourite treats, toys and chews (not included) in an ice mold. For serving, your frozen delight secures to a base which keeps it free of dirt. Kit includes reusable/freezeable bucket with lid, base with extension rod, and ice treat recipes.

• [inthecompanyofdogs.com/itemdy00.asp?c=&T1=D72000&SKW=toys&PageNo=1](http://inthecompanyofdogs.com/itemdy00.asp?c=&T1=D72000&SKW=toys&PageNo=1)

Instantly activated by the touch of a paw, the battery operated Sofa Scram emits startling 85 decibel beeps that get pets off the furniture fast! Pet owners love the Sofa Scram because it works quickly and effectively without applying shock or pain to your pet.

• [www.hitecpet.com/sofoscram.html](http://www.hitecpet.com/sofoscram.html)

