

# DOG FANCY

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# Luxury un-leashed

WHAT'S ON  
YOUR DOG'S  
LIST?



**H**o Ho Howl. 'Tis the season to shop for your pet, and I can think of a few shopaholics – including myself – who love to buy gifts for their adorable dogs.

Expect new dog owners, such as Star Jones, to launch into a shopping frenzy trying to make their pups' first holiday season memorable. Anyone who has Viewed Jones' wedding can imagine that her Maltese's first Christmas will be an equally lavish affair. Pinky Michelle will probably have her own tree, the season's best canine couture, a special doggie dinner, and a roomful of exquisitely wrapped presents.

But really Jones is no different than many other dog owners in America who gift their dogs as they do their family members. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, holiday spending on pets will reach approximately \$2.6 billion this season. Surprised? Don't be.

At the Reed house, our holiday celebrations aren't quite as elaborate, but I do buy presents for my family's, friends', and clients' dogs. For my holiday shopping, I enlisted the help of Jill Roller, manager of California's Maxwell Dog, and Suzie Bing, owner of New York's Trixie and Peanut. Here's a sneak peek at my shopping list. Promise you won't tell my dogs!

**The art of sleeping well.** Whether your dog prefers round or square, she deserves her own designer dog bed. These mod beds are made with Crypton fabric, a revolutionary moisture-, bacteria-, and stain-resistant material. Have

no fear! Your pooch can have an "accident" on the bed again and again without ruining it. In other words, these beds – in William Wegman-designed patterns and priced from \$90 to \$320 – are extremely cost effective (and were also chosen for a DOG FANCY Editors' Choice award – see page 36). Details at [www.cryptonfabric.com](http://www.cryptonfabric.com)

#### **Yummy for the tummy.**

Not only do I love the Web site, but my dogs love Grandma Lucy's Cheeseburgers, which retail for about \$8 a jar. These freeze-dried meatballs are all-natural and preservative-free. Other beef, chicken, fish, vegetarian, and baked goods complete the dog menu and make great stocking stuffers. Visit [www.grandmalucys.com](http://www.grandmalucys.com)

#### **A dog's gotta play.**

Furkids love new toys. And you'll get a chuckle from the tongue-and-cheek Haute Diggity Dog toys that my English Toy Spaniel Hudson favors. Help a good cause with charity-themed toys, such as Planet Dog's, which my Golden Retriever Burberry craves. My Cocker Spaniel Kidder prefers the fuzzy goodies from Austin Coterie, and Bamboo's battle-tested toys (another Editors' Choice winner) can withstand the play of my Curly-Coated Retriever Harry. I'm certain that Thames, my new English Toy Spaniel

puppy, will love the seasonally-themed Happy Mouth toys I chose for him. Trust me, your canine will want to play with any of these. See [www.hautediggitydog.com](http://www.hautediggitydog.com), [www.planetdog.com](http://www.planetdog.com), [www.austincoterie.com](http://www.austincoterie.com), [www.bamboopet.com](http://www.bamboopet.com), and [www.collarscarf.com](http://www.collarscarf.com) for some of my favorite toys.

**Out for a walk.** Looking for something special for your Pug, Frenchy, or Dane? Try a Poochee collar, leash, or harness set. Designer Debbie Weiss has created beautiful accessories for the more fashion-conscious pet owner. The Urban Camo and the Crystal and Leather collections are favorites of celebrities such as actress Jessica Alba and Kelly Roland of *Destiny's Child*. Prices range from \$45 to \$150. Browse [www.poochee.com](http://www.poochee.com) for more styles.

**A warm and fuzzy holiday.** Whether you choose an argyle, fair isle, or basic cable from mhound, your pooch will look absolutely adorable in these beautiful handmade alpaca or cotton sweaters. The pullovers – a must for every stylish dog's wardrobe – come in a variety of fashionable colors. Sweaters for dogs up to 50 pounds, priced from \$50 to \$80. [www.mhound.com](http://www.mhound.com)

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