

# Creature Comforts

## The Bowhaus

Chien-chic - the Bowhaus is not so much a pet crate but a great piece of furniture. Made from powder-coated metal panels, it can easily be dismantled for easy cleaning. The waterproof pad comes in three colours - spring green, fresh blue and rich mocha. Available direct from the manufacturers in Canada, it is approx \$525.00 + shipping & handling <http://www.bowhaus.ca>

## Alt (pets) Shampoo

There's a wealth of pet shampoo available from pet stores and supermarkets but one we're especially fond of is made right here in Sydney from the environmentally friendly folk at alt. Unlike a great deal of pet shampoos available, this offering from alt smells delicious - a lovely lavender fragrance that doesn't upset the olfactory glands - human or doggy. We're told that it's a naturally derived pH balanced concoction. Quality essential ingredients such as bergamot have healing properties for those dogged by eczema; lavender is antiseptic and aloe vera is soothing to sensitive pelts. Available from fine pet stores nationally or order direct from their secure site [www.alt.com.au/pets](http://www.alt.com.au/pets) for speedy delivery. This product gets two paws up for delivering a lovely glossy coat and the best smelling doggie. - Our animal tester got to sleep on the bed all night because she smelt so delicious. A 250ml a bottle is just \$18.15.

## The scoop on poop

This clever little dispenser makes the poop on the scoop so very convenient. Bags On Board's dispenser pack attaches to any leash and contains 24 100% biodegradable bags. So no excuses for not picking it up people! Dispenser packs retail for \$8.95 and refill pack of three rolls retail for \$7.95

## Nutrience Supreme dog food

It was all sniffs and wags in the Urban Animal office when this parcel arrived. Supreme Adult Maintenance is one of the complete foods from Nutrience. The main ingredient being Chicken Meal made from white meat and not by-products (feet, heads and entrails -yuk!). With herbs to improve digestion like ginger, thyme, rosemary, oregano and added Vitamin E the ingredient list reads like a recipe rather than a science experiment (no weirdy names with more than five syllables). We'll mention here that the bag is very clever because it has slide zipper which keeps the food fresher. Found at quality pet stores in a range of sizes.

## Nutrience Derma cat food

Although Chicken Meal is this kitty-complete food's main ingredient, it also contains dehydrated fish. Mr Bigglesworth, our appointed taste tester, was all purrs with a flicking tail which gave us the heads up that he was keen to whet his whiskers over this. This tasty food also contains Omega 3 & 6 which apparently promotes healthy skin and fur. It's also urinary PH controlled which keeps kitty's kidneys clean and healthy.

## Living World Tropimix for Small Parrots

Previously branded Premium, this mix for small parrots is imported from Canada. It's a good mix of grains, fruits, nuts, vegetables, legumes and is fortified with vitamins and minerals. The bag is resealable, as it has a zip lock closure, but we would recommend keeping the bag of Tropimix in the freezer for extra freshness. When looking to feature Tropimix in 'Creature Comforts' we had no higher recommendation than from Roger the Indian Ringneck - he's a little parrot and was beak down in a big bowl of Tropimix. You can find Tropimix at good pet stores.

## Puppy play

Puppy Buddies are plush mini toys designed for puppy love and play. They come in a range of animals (pictured are the cat, duck and cow) and have little squeakers to amuse your puppy pooch. Remember to remove them if they become ripped or torn and always supervise your puppy during play. Found in quality pet stores or online [www.mollycoddledpets.com.au](http://www.mollycoddledpets.com.au) rrp \$7.95

## Ferret Fun

Feel like taking your ferret out and about but want him to be safe and secure? Here's a snappy harness and lead set that is just the answer. It's fully adjustable for any ferret size and has quick release snaps that make it easy to snap on and off even the wriggliest of furballs. It's made with lightweight and durable material and has a security bell. The packaging has instructions on how to safely adjust the harness to the correct measurements. Made by Hagen and available in pet stores and online [www.petalia.com.au](http://www.petalia.com.au) rrp \$25.00

## Kittie-krinkle cool fun and play

If your cat loves to dive into boxes and other hidey holes then the Krinkly Kat Sack should provide hours of fun. It krinkles madly and is the pur-fect hiding place to plan surprise attacks on passing ankles. It's a calico bag lined with krinkly plastic and it's washable. Perhaps this would make a great krinkly-kristmas gift from Kris Krinkle or Santa Paws. The Krinkly Kat Sack comes in two sizes - large and small and can be found online [www.petsplus.com.au](http://www.petsplus.com.au)



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Kat Sack

## Pet Coupe

Here's a great innovative pet bird carrier that is safe, durable and easy to clean. It's constructed of high-impact plastic and comes in three coloured tints - blue, rose and charcoal - to protect your bird from overexposure to the sun. It's lightweight 4.5 kg and safely buckles into your car's seatbelt for added stability and safety. A wooden bird perch easily fits into the coupe and water and feed cups can be bolted into the vent holes. A handle at the top adds to the convenient portability of this unit. Another convenient feature of this carrier is that it has two doors on either side which easily latch for security. Pet Coupe can also be used for small pets up to 12 kgs and it comes with a washable cushion.

We love its sturdy and cool design and have used these for safe vet and holiday transport for the Urban Animal avian reviewers.

Available for purchase through [www.abetterabode.com](http://www.abetterabode.com) for approximately AUD\$145.00 + international shipping and handling. Wholesale and trade enquiries to Precision Plastics [www.petcarriers.com](http://www.petcarriers.com) or email [sales4@petcarriers.net](mailto:sales4@petcarriers.net)



Pet Coupe

## Take your Guinea Pig on Safari!

The Habitrail® Safari range of small animal habitat products offers your little piggy plenty of opportunity for fun filled exploration. They're designed to closely simulate the natural instincts to explore, exercise and burrow. A seemingly endless amount of add-ons and add-ins to provide variety and play. Pictured here is the All Terrain Wheel that can fit all cages. It has a suction attachment for plastic cages or a screw mechanism for wire ones. Come in spinner! Found at specialist pet stores rrp \$21.85



The All Terrain Wheel

## Le Bistro

A watering system for la petite chienne, le grande chien or any dog in between. Le Bistro comes with a sturdy plastic base that can easily be disassembled and washed either by hand or run through your dishwasher. The top water container inverts ensuring that fresh water is on constant demand for your thirsty mate. It's a great option for busy people who know that standard water dishes can be licked dry in your absence. Found in good pet stores throughout Sydney.

Extra Small Le Bistro Waterer for cats and small dogs - 1.8 Litre rrp \$39.99

Small Le Bistro Waterer for puppies to medium breeds - 3.8 Litre rrp \$49.99

Medium Le Bistro Waterer for medium breeds - 10.4 Litre rrp \$69.99

Large Le Bistro Waterer for multiple dogs or large breeds - 18.9 Litre rrp \$89.99



Le Bistro

## Luxury Beds for your pampered cat or dog

Fancy something fancy for your puss or pooch? Here's a local company producing unusual, handcrafted wrought iron pet beds that come in a range of great designs and matching accessories. Fabrics for beds and cushions can be mixed and matched from their large selection of colours and patterns to complement any décor. Cushions are filled with polyester fibre or foam and have a zipper for easy cleaning. Luxury Pet Beds can deliver anywhere in Australia and their site is easy to navigate and order from. For more information phone 1300 306 512 email [info@petbeds.com.au](mailto:info@petbeds.com.au) or visit <http://www.petbeds.com.au> prices range from \$195.00 to \$595.00



Luxury Beds

## Slick City Dogs

We're hoping Summer will bring some rain so this range of raincoats should help to keep your little pooter dry. Waterproof PVC 'street wear' has reflective stars so that traffic and walkers can be visible in the evenings-they're made from the same reflective material that are on ambulance and police safety vests.

Yap Wear strive to come up with stylish designs that are practical, easy to care and durable. You can find them in high quality pet stores throughout Sydney or order through their site [www.yapwear.com.au](http://www.yapwear.com.au) email [admin@yapwear.com.au](mailto:admin@yapwear.com.au) or call (03) 9646 4988 rrp\$60.00



Yapwear

## Bunch of Bunny Fun

Wood Nibbles are bright little gnaw sticks designed as a dental aid for rabbits and other small animals. They help keep their teeth trim and also to provide a safe and healthy diversion from chewing the legs of your heirloom Queen Anne furniture. Available in celery or carrot flavours. Found in selected pet stores or online [www.mollycoddledpets.com.au](http://www.mollycoddledpets.com.au) ---rrp \$5.70



Wood Nibbles

## Teeny-weeny chew toys

Wood Chews are designed on the same principle as the bunny gnaw sticks. These teeny ones are designed for smaller pocket pets like mice, rats and guinea's. rrp \$5.50

## Eye catching fashion

Summer's almost here and time to slip, slop and slap. A cool pair of shades can protect your eyes from the harmful Sydney sun so don't forget your little mate. Ideal for cool canines who love to window surf - these protect their eyes from flying debris and pesky bugs. All Doggles® have shatterproof, anti-fog lenses that block 100% of harmful UV light. Two adjustable and comfortable elastic straps keep the shades secure even through the roughest play. Wrap-around frames ensure no stray light or objects can sneak through. They come in a range of sizes for all canines great and small. Available in plush pet stores or online at [www.petalia.com.au](http://www.petalia.com.au) from \$41.00



Doggles

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