

## LATEST, GREATEST FASHIONS, GEAR FOR PETS

***The Early Show*'s resident veterinarian, Dr. Debbye Turner Bell, shares her picks from the Global Pet Expo (<http://globalpetexpo.org/>) in Orlando.**

(the following descriptions were prepared with information provided by the manufacturers)

Poochie Kingdom Designer Raincoats, [www.poochiekingdom.com](http://www.poochiekingdom.com), \$130

Fashion meets practicality with these doggie designer raincoats. In addition to being trendy and warm, these "eye-catching" coats are durable and provide protection against harsh elements and airborne irritants.

Sasquatch Pet Bed, [www.sasquatchpetbeds.com](http://www.sasquatchpetbeds.com), \$99.95

These pet beds offer more than just a place for your animal counterparts to lay their heads. With a trademark fleece Sasquatch Sock insert, it is as easy to clean as removing it and throwing it in the washer. Small and medium cats and dogs fit perfectly inside, and it is a way to keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Anti Lick Strips, [www.nurturedpets.com](http://www.nurturedpets.com), \$7.95-27.95

Available in three different sizes (small, medium, large), they are used to discourage dogs from licking, biting, or chewing surgical wounds or hot spots. They are sold 6 strips to a box at Vet clinics and pet specialty stores.

Bissell Shed-Away, [www.bissell.com](http://www.bissell.com), \$24.99

The Bissell Shed-Away is a simple attachment to your vacuum. It is a quick and easy way to remove shedding hair from your pet before it collects in your house! The suction catches fly-away hair as you groom. It fits all major vacuum brands, not just Bissell.

BOLT Interactive Laser Toy, [www.frolicat.com](http://www.frolicat.com), \$19.95

This interactive pet toy can be handheld or set on a flat surface. Once it is turned on, it can provide hours of fun for you and your feline friend. Your cat pounces and bats as the laser pattern changes.

Flying Dog Toy

The slingshot design of this "flying" toy can launch up to 100 feet. It is released by your thumb. It is available in a duck, pig, or fish. (Directions on box: Place thumb in the fabric fold located on the snout (pig), pull back on the rope in a slingshot motion and release).

Crazy Cat-Cat Quest, [www.crazypetshop.com](http://www.crazypetshop.com), \$9.99-11.99.

This is a motorized cat toy. It allows you to control the movement of the battery operated dragon fly. The remote cord is long enough to allow you to stay hidden while your cat pounces and jumps at the bug. In addition the batteries power the dragon fly's wings which drives cats crazy.

Omega Paw Arch Groomer

It is a hands-free pet groomer. When your cat rubs against the arch, it combs out loose hair and gives a massage in one action. It is attached to a carpet covered floor pad for added comfort.

Nina Ottossons Dog Toy (learning toy), <http://www.nina-ottosson.com/>, \$45.00

It allows dogs to search for snacks by lifting, moving, and rotating discs and blocks. You demonstrate what to do for your dog. Then they watch, listen, and follow what you showed in order to recover their snack.

PortraitWeavers custom afghans, [www.photoafghan.com](http://www.photoafghan.com), \$99

weaves your images into heirloom quality throw blankets, pillows totes or tapestry wall hangings. PortraitWeavers products are a unique compliment to photography - as well as a great option for

your customers.. The large sizes and vibrant colors make our jacquard woven heirlooms perfect for any decor. All PortraitWeave products are 100% cotton, last a lifetime

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## **U.S. Pet Ownership Statistics**

The following statistics were compiled from the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA) 2007-2008 National Pet Owners Survey.

### **Dogs**

There are approximately 74.8 million owned dogs in the United States  
Thirty-nine percent of U.S. households own at least one dog  
Most owners (63 percent) own one dog  
Twenty-five percent of owners own two dogs  
Twelve percent of owners own three or more dogs  
On average, owners have almost two dogs (1.7)  
The proportion of male to female dogs is even  
Ten percent of owned dogs were adopted from an animal shelter  
On average, dog owners spent \$219 on veterinary visits (vaccine, well visits) annually  
Seventy-five percent of owned dogs are spayed or neutered

### **Cats**

There are approximately 88.3 million owned cats in the United States  
Nearly 34 percent of U.S. households (or 38.4 million) own at least one cat  
Fifty-six percent of owners own more than one cat  
On average, owners have two cats (2.3)  
More female cats are owned than male cats (73 percent vs. 63 percent respectively)  
Eighteen percent of owned cats were adopted from an animal shelter  
Cat owners spent an average of \$175 on routine veterinary visits  
Eighty-seven percent of owned cats are spayed or neutered  
For additional information on pet ownership statistics, contact the APPMA at 255 Glenville Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831, 800-452-1225, or visit [www.appma.org](http://www.appma.org).