

HELLO, GOOD BUYS

**Dish du jour**

From San Francisco-based Everyday Studio comes one of the smartest-looking pet dish stands we've seen in a while. The free-standing stand's sleek look comes from laser-cut steel paired with two stainless steel bowls. The stands come in six powder coated finishes: orange, white, vivid blue, midnight blue, pink and red. There are two sizes: The small (16½ inches long by 6¼ inches wide and 6¾ inches high) holds two 2-cup capacity bowls, the medium (21 inches by 7½ inches by 9½ inches) holds two 4-cup bowls.

Cost: \$75 for small \$90 for medium
Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 N. Rockwell St. 773-478-5100.
www.ruffhauspets.com

Fabulous finds for our
4-legged friends

Whether you're a cat lover or a dog person, nothing is too good for our furry companions. This year, Americans are expected to spend \$38 billion on their pets, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. What are some of the things pet owners are spending on? We found some pieces that are high on design — and price.

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**Sitting pretty**

Modeled after Smith & Hawken's best-selling Adirondack chair, this "Dogirondack" bed is made of Western cedar in a natural veneer. Removable bowls in the armrests ensure your faithful companion won't be far from food or drink. Like the classic Adirondack chair, the bed needs no protection from the elements and will weather to a dove gray if left outdoors. The small chair (28½ inches wide by 21½ inches deep and 21½ inches high) is designed for compact pooches and the large size (36 inches wide by 24 inches deep and 18 inches high) accommodates midsize dogs and larger. The green cushion is included.

Cost: \$159 for small, \$199 for large
www.smithandhawken.com or 800-776-3336.

**Lounge act**

We can't imagine a more beautiful perch for a cat. The Couchette is part of the kittypod collection of cat beds from Los Angeles-based furniture designer Elizabeth Paige Smith. It's made of triwall corrugated cardboard and maple ply; and should your kitty use it as a scratching post, it will only add to the texture of the piece. Smith says she developed the kittypod beds in 1998 after she saw her cat, Simon, curled up in in a cardboard chair she had designed for a client. She adds that the beds (he has multiples) remain Simon's favorite place to hang out. The Couchette measures 30 inches long by 14 inches wide and 22 inches high.

Cost: \$320
Barker and Meowsky, 1003 W. Armitage Ave.
773-868-0200. www.barkerandmeowsky.com

**Hide and seek**

Don't know where to put the litter box? How about hiding it in a piece of furniture? That's the philosophy behind the Kattbank, a customizable, handcrafted bench built to discreetly house your kitty's private business. A 7-by-12-inch opening on the side of the bench provides easy access to the litter box inside the bench, while built-in vents keep the air flowing for odor control. The Kattbank will fit up to a 13-by-17-inch litter box. It's available in 40- and 60-inch lengths and features removable and adjustable interior dividers. Choose from 14 lacquer colors and four wood veneers. The company will send up to four color samples at no cost before ordering.

Cost: \$1,750 to \$2,200, plus shipping
www.kattbank.com