

Give a dog a phone? and other gifts for your pet

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Love gadgets? Who doesn't? They are all around us—in our homes, at work, wherever we go. We love gadgets, our kids love gadgets, so why shouldn't our pets love gadgets? With almost 73 million dogs and 90 million cats in the United States, is it any wonder that some interesting gadgets are making their way to our pets?

The AquaVista 500 aquarium is designed to hang on the wall like a picture. Measuring 26x26x4.5 inches, the aquarium can hold 6.6 gallons of water for freshwater fish only. It comes with a built-in proprietary filtration, air pump, lighting, heater,



fish net, gravel vacuum, extendable claw and steel wall-mounting bracket. A side-mounted LCD display panel

allows users to control and monitor the temperature, lighting, oxygen level and filtration. The aquarium comes in plastic or wooden frames in a variety of colors and styles. Check out www.aquavistanic.com for more information.

The CatGenie is the only self-flushing, self-washing cat box in the world. It is rinsed with fresh water, scrubbed by the GenieHand, sprayed with a solution to kill germs and odors, and dried. The cat box is 21x24 inches tall with a 19-inch bowl area. To hook it up, users need a cold-water hookup, a laundry or toilet drain, a

pipe to accept the waste and an electric outlet. Included with the cat box is a 10-foot long drain hose

and an 8-inch long water hose. It works best in a home with two or three average-sized cats that are six months or older. Check out www.catgenie.com for more information.



The NutraMatic 2X Automatic Feeder dispenses pellet and flake fish food every 12 hours. The free-standing unit can be placed anywhere or mounted on the aquarium rim using the bracket included. It operates on two

AA batteries, which are not included. Check out www.hagen.com/usa for more information.

The PetCell is a 5x3-inch bone-shaped phone that attaches to a dog or cat's collar. Using a standard cellular network, the phone comes with its own number and can be programmed to accept up to three phone numbers, thus eliminating unwanted calls. Users simply call the number, and after one ring, they are automatically connected to their dog or cat's phone. The two can speak to each other through a built-in speaker. The phone also comes with three pre-programmed owner buttons that allows anyone who finds the dog or cat to contact the owner. It is

GPS enabled, waterproof and Geofencing enabled. Check out www.petsmobility.com for more information.

The 0.3 MPX Tomy Wonderful Shot camera is light enough for any size of dog or larger cat to carry within their collar. It can be triggered remotely by remote control (the range is limited) or by timer to take pictures at regular intervals ranging from one minute to one hour. The memory allows for 90 images. When the memory gets full, the images can be downloaded into a USB port. The camera comes complete with rechargeable batteries that will last for 40

hours.

The Wordy Birdy Digital Speech Training Device allows users to record in

their own voice what they want their birds to learn. The device repeats words and phrases over and over for a period of time ranging from 30 seconds to 30 min-



utes. Because it is digital, there is no tape or moving parts to break. The device operates on four AA batteries (not included) for up to six months. The message can be changed whenever desired. Check out www.wordybirdy.com for more information.

Estimates suggest that Americans spend over 36 billion dollars on their pets per year. No wonder manufacturers are constantly coming up with new things for us to buy.

