

# WHAT TO BUY THE FOUR-LEGGED FURRY FAMILY MEMBER

▼For the active dog who has everything, there is the plush **John Deere-emblazoned flying disc**. Offered by Coastal Pet Products, the \$5.99 discs are among a variety of John Deere pet merchandise on sale at *The Andersons*.



▼The toy selection for cats is slimmer than that for dogs. Still, there are fun and creative options. **The A-Door-able Bouncing Mouse Cat Toy** is a device that mounts over a doorway and dangles a small feathery mouse that can amuse kitties for hours. *Titgemeier's* sells the contraption for \$5.49.



▼*Petco* offers a range of **soft feline catnip toys** that come embedded with catnip and should withstand years of play. Pieces of a stuffed holiday-themed set begin at under \$2.50.

►Many dog owners have horrific first-hand accounts to share about their pets ripping apart a stuffed animal or toy. There are now several brands of stuffing-free plush dog toys that eliminate such dangers. Each elongated **Crazy Critters** animal has an embedded squeaker. They're available for \$6.99 at *Petco*, 5027 Monroe St. in West Toledo.

►Few sights are cuter in winter months than a well-dressed dog. In addition to doggie coats and booties, *Petco* sells holiday-themed outfits such as these **plush reindeer antlers** for \$6.99 and a **Lil' Grinch costume** for \$14.99.



▼For especially mouthy dogs, there are **Tire Biter chew toys**. These come in small, medium, and large sizes, and look like miniature versions of truck tires. *Titgemeier's* staff said the toys can withstand lots of hard play. Prices range from \$5.99 to \$11.99.



◀Surprise your Christmas card recipients with locally made **Denali the Dog greeting cards**. Denali, photographed by Madalyn Ruggiero, wears elaborate and humorous costumes, including Santa Denali and Christmas Present Denali. The cards are sold at *Walt Churchill's Market*, 3320 Briarfield Blvd. in Maumee, and *Kazmaier's Market*, 127 East Second St. in Perrysburg.



◀For dogs of worldly tastes, *Titgemeier's* has a shelf of actual **kangaroo hind leg bones imported from Australia** for \$4.99. Picky pooches who prefer North American wildlife may enjoy their selection of smoked bones from Michigan deer.

◀Unsure what toys to buy? Variety can be the spice of a dog's life. *Petco* offers a **toy-filled stocking complete with a plush toy Santa and bones, chewable and squeaky tree "ornaments," and colored balls**. The stockings begin at \$19.99.



▲If your dog insists on playing tug of war, he can bite down on one of the multicolored **Flossy Chews tug toys**. This particular model has a hand grip to make the game easier (and safer) for owners. Available in many colors and sizes, starting at \$2.49 at *Titgemeier's Feed and Garden*, 701 Western Ave. in South Toledo.



▲Of course, the direct way to a dog's heart is through his belly. Many pet stores stock a variety of chew bones in various shapes, sizes, and flavors. **Large rawhide bones** are some of the hottest-selling dog gifts at *Titgemeier's*. At under \$5, they can make an inexpensive present for the canine in your life.

