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our pets don't care what you look like, can't blab about your secrets to friends and coworkers, and most certainly would never dream of arguing politics on your social media

feeds. That unflinching loyalty definitely deserves to be rewarded this holiday season. And besides, a gift for them is often also a gift for you.

—ALEXANDRA MESTER, BLADE STAFF WRITER

Bike leash

It takes more than a walk to keep a high-energy dog happy. The **Bike** Tow Leash bolts on near the back wheel of your bike to keep your hands on the handlebars and reduce the impact of any sideways pulling. Stiff but flexible, it keeps your dog at a safe distance while giving him freedom to move around. For dogs of all sizes, sold at biketowleash.com for \$146. Attach a second dog with the \$34 Dog Coupler.

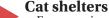


Pet miniature Every dog and cat is exquisitely unique. Hand-felted in the U.S.A. with natural wool, ShelterPups capture those beautiful differences in a premium stuffed animal. The company gives back to rescues, too. A custom miniature of your own Fido or Felix will set you back \$175, or choose a premade plush for \$75 at shelterpups.com. Gift cer-

tificates available.

Horse play Add some fun to





Free-roaming felines in your neighborhood are at the mercy of Mother Nature, but you can help protect them from cold winter nights with outdoor cat shelters. Two sizes are available at Humane Ohio, the \$35 large will accommodate four to six cats, and the \$20 small will fit one to two cats.



Mouse chase toy

Engage your kitty's prey drive with The Cheese, a battery-operated toy where mice play peek-a-boo from a block of Swiss cheese. In single-play mode, it automatically shuts off after 10-15 minutes. Set it to the away mode to keep your cat happy with spontaneous playtime when you're at work or running errands. Petco, \$29.98.



Chicken coop

treats

Being cooped up in close quarters during long cold snaps spells trouble for backyard hens as boredom can result in increased pecking and bullying. $\bar{\text{Pack}}$ the Chick-N-Veggie Ball with greens and hang it in your coop to provide a great foraging activity with a fresh, healthy snack. The Andersons, \$4.99.



Like young children, many animals can't resist jumping into a ball pit. Pop-N-Play is marketed for ferrets but can be used by all sorts of small animals. It also features holes to attach play tunnels for added fun.



Holiday treats

Give your dog something tasty this Christmas while supporting a small business built by 10-year-old Abbie Kramer of Delta, Ohio. Get 11 ounces of homemade canine goodies in flavors like turkey cranberry, better breath, and bacon bites in festive holiday boxes for \$7. Find Miss Abbie's Pet Treats at missabbiespettreats. com or 419-250-0772.

Extra idea

Set up the gift boxes and bags from Christmas morning in one big group on the floor and let your cats have a grand old time pouncing from one to the next. Add more fun by scattering toys among them.

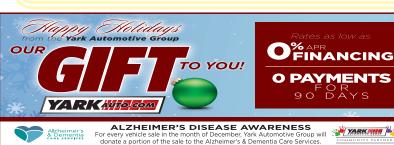


Puppy toy

Playful pups will love the Kong Jumbler, which features a tennis ball trapped in a large rubber squeaky ball with handles. Choose the round ball or football at The Andersons, \$12.99 for the M/L size and \$15.99 for the L/XL.



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