Where To Find Green Pet Products

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<u>Dr. Ruth MacPete</u> talks about where to find the best green pet products. For more from Dr. MacPete, find her on <u>Facebook</u> or at <u>www.drruthpetvet.com!</u>

In my last blog I discussed ways to make your pet live greener, including buy ing eco-friendly pet products. But how do you which products are green and where can you find them? To make it easier to buy from environmentally friendly companies I have listed some of my favorites:

P.L.A.Y (Pet Lifestyle and You) makes a number of stylish eco-friendly beds for dogs and cats. Their beds have removable washable covers for easy cleaning and their filling is made from certified-safe, 100% post-consumer recycled products. To minimize waste and promote recycling and reusing, they also sell replacement duvet covers so you don't have to buy a new bed when the old bed gets too smelly. My dog Oski loves his P.L.A.Y bed. To read about their company and browse their products, go to www.petplay.com.

Harry Barker is known for making a variety of highquality dog and cat products. They also have a strong commitment to making eco-friendly products. They sell biodegradable shampoos, biodegradable poop bags with recycled dispensers, beds and toys made from hemp and recycled filling, fashionable collars and leashes made from 100% polyethylene terephthalate), and all natural pet treats. To browse their extensive collection of products, go to www.harrybarker.com.

Earth Dog is no newcomer to the field. They have been making eco-friendly pet products for 15 years. Earth Dog makes collars, leashes, harnesses, beds, and chew toys from environmentally friendly hemp and their products are all handmade in the U.S.A. Hemp is 100% biodegradable, grown pesticide and herbicide free, and is stronger than cotton fibers. I love their decorative collars and leashes. To see these products go to www.earthdog.com.

From the Field has a selection of dog and cat toys made from organic hemp but they are best known for their organic catnip. They sell catnip in various forms: catnip buds, leaf and flower mixtures, pellets, mulched buds, and essential oil. As you can imagine my cats

think this company is fabulous! To find out more about their toys and catnip selection, go to www.fromthefieldpet.com.

Planet Dog makes a line of eco-friendly dog products. They have a dog ball tosser made from recycled cork and sustainable bamboo, chew toys and balls made from recycled material, and leashes and collars made from sustainable hemp. To see some of their products go to www.planetdog.com.

Earth Friendly Products has an extensive line of environmentally responsible cleaning products. Launched in 1989, they were also the first to completely eliminate 1,4-dioxane from their line of products and their entire product line is toxin-free. Earth Friendly Products has a selection of pet cleaning products, including a detergent, stain and odor remover, a pet training aid, shampoo, pet wipes, and litter treatment. To find out more about these ecofriendly pet products go to www.ecos.com.

Hopefully this list will make it easier for eco-conscious pet parents to buy pet products that are good for the environment and good for your pet. You and your pet can make every day Earth Day by thinking green and buying environmentally responsible products.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian – they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.





