

A festive holiday-themed background featuring two dogs, a black and white dog on the left and a blue merle dog on the right, both wearing red bow ties. The background is a dark green surface decorated with various Christmas items: wrapped gifts with gold and red ribbons, pine branches, gold and red ornaments, and small gold and red stars. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

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we have tested HUNDREDS
of toys and dog products,
and this is a SHORT LIST of
the things we'd recommend
for you and your pets!



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ENERGY BUSTERS



Tail Teaser

If you're looking for ONE product to invest in, this is it! The outward hound tail teaser provides a fantastic natural outlet for dogs to chase and bite, helping them release a ton of energy in a short amount of time—even in a small space.

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Boomer Ball

an absolute game-changer for high-energy dogs, especially herding breed dogs that love to chase. It's perfect for burning tons of energy in a short amount of time, & in a small space.

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Jolly Egg

the Jolly egg is the same idea as the boomer ball - it's too large for the dog to fit in their mouth, so they nudge it around the yard and chase it! Fantastic for burning BIG energy. The price is lower, & the plastic is thinner.

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ChuckIt Rope Ball

The ChuckIt Rope Fetch has been Bodhi's go-to toy for years.

It's incredibly easy to throw long distances—great for those high-energy pups that need a serious workout. And it doubles as a tug toy! It's fairly durable and dogs love the textured rope combined with the easy to grab rubber sides of the ball.



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Sand Box

this sandbox makes a fantastic dig pit for dogs! The corner seats help keep a lot of the sand inside the box. It's a great way to give dogs a designated area for digging, giving them a natural outlet for a very normal dog behaviour. Bonus - it burns a ton of energy, wears nails down & builds muscle!



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ChuckIt Rubber Balls

If you're using tennis balls for your dog, you very well could be risking their dental health. They wore Sonny's teeth down a significant amount before I realized they were a problem!

The ChuckIt balls are durable, a nice weight & dogs love them!



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ChuckIt Kick Fetch

The Kick Fetch Ball is a great option for a hands-free game of fetch. You don't have to touch the ball—just give it a solid kick and watch your pup run their butt off!

They have grips on the sides, making it super easy for dogs to grab and carry around. Perfect for high-energy play sessions!

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Jolly Pets Soccer Ball

the Jolly Pets Soccer Ball is perfect for dogs who love to chase and bite. The rubber material is super satisfying for enthusiastic biters to grab and run with. Another great feature is that it's completely hands-off—you don't have to throw it; you can simply kick it and watch your pup go burn that energy!

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Jolly Pets Tree Hugger

The Tree Tugger is an awesome option for dogs who love to tug & play independently. It burns a ton of energy as dogs tug and jump around trying to catch the ball after it springs away from them. We attach ours to our pergola!

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INDOOR ENERGY BUSTERS



PETGEEK Treat Dispenser

the PETGEEK Treat Dispenser is a machine that comes with a button that can be pressed by the dog, which triggers the dispenser to drop treats – you can place them at a distance in your home, different rooms even! so your dog can get some indoor exercise.

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Outward Hound Fire Hose Toy

Plushy toys don't usually last long – but we've had our outward hound fire hose toy since we brought Bodhi home as a puppy over 4 years ago! It's made real fire hose material, which makes it super durable for tugging!

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Kong Wobbler

The Kong Wobbler is a super easy to fill food toy that your dog has to push and chase around the house to get their food; burning energy and using brain power! Bonus – there are some hacks you can use to make it more challenging (see video)

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BRAIN BUSTERS

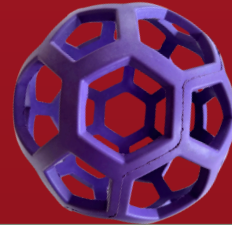


Holee Roller

The Holee Roller has to be one of the most versatile enrichment toys on the market, and a must have for anyone with a dog. There are countless ways to use it & something for every dog!

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Hide a Squirrel

If your dog likes destuffing - this is a great reusable option! We find multiple uses for it by stuffing it with other toys, paper & treats!

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Wobble Wag Giggle

the Wobble Wag Giggle makes the most bizarre sounds & gets dogs so excited & keeps them engaged. It burns plenty of physical and mental energy!

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PUZZLES



MY INTELLIGENT PET

My Intelligent Pet is not your average line of food puzzles. They're beautifully crafted & have a wide variety of options & skill levels.

I always sit with my dogs when they are solving these puzzles, as I wouldn't want them to get frustrated and use their teeth/nails to get to the food!

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BRIGHTKINS

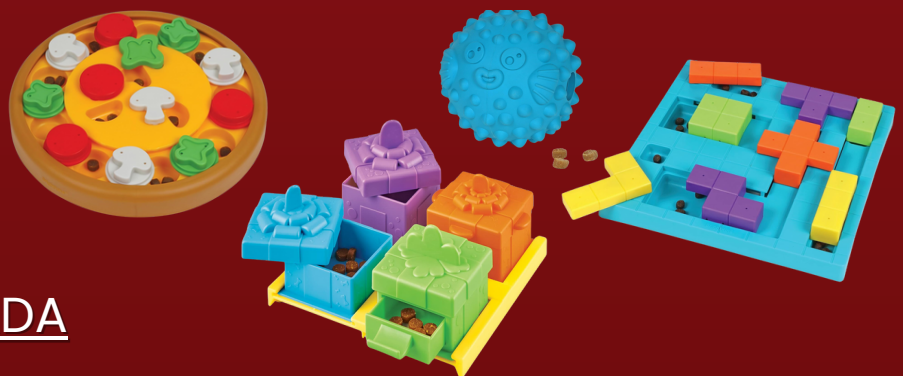
Brightkins is a relatively new kid on the block for enrichment, but they have a ton of great affordable options.

Their design keeps in mind the dog's natural abilities and they have a wide range of difficulty levels available!

Pro tip: if you want puzzle time to last longer - set up multiple puzzles at once!

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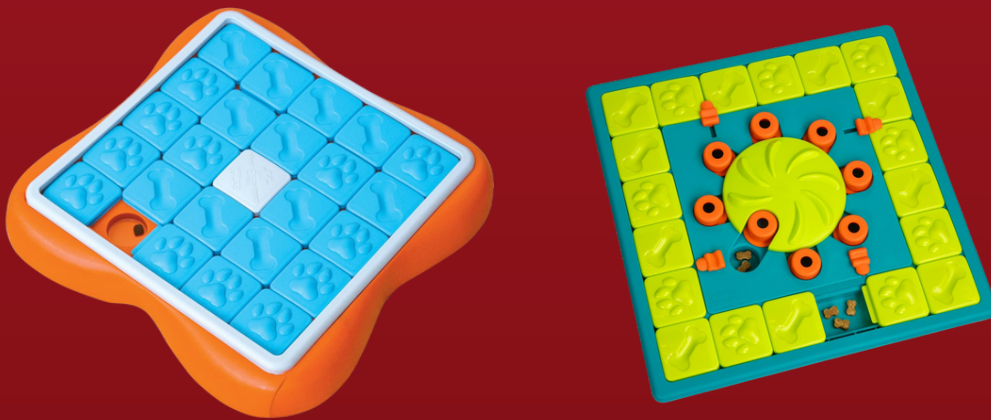
PUZZLES

OUTWARD HOUND/NINA OTTOSSON

Nina Ottosson Puzzles are a long standing favourite in many homes, for good reason. They have a thoughtful design & have a wide variety of difficulty levels available.

The 'Challenge Slider' and 'Multipuzzle' are the two longest lasting puzzles my dogs use, and they thoroughly enjoy them.

Pro Tip: the centre piece comes out of the MultiPuzzle to reduce frustration & damage to the puzzle!



I love all of our Nina Ottosson puzzles, but some of my other favs are below! We have multiples of most to extend play time.



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CALMING

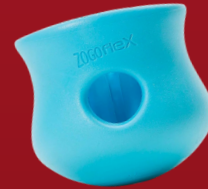


Toppl

The West Paw Toppl is our most used food enrichment toy. We have about a dozen, I fill them and freeze them and the dogs enjoy their daily meals in them when I think they need some extra enrichment – usually on days that I've been busy!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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Snuffle Mat

If you're going to get ONE food enrichment toy for your dog, let it be the snuffle mat. It's easy to fill & the foraging is very calming for most dogs. This one is my favourite, because it's easy to fill & adjust the difficulty level with the draw string.

 [See Demo Here](#)

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Licki Mat – Soother

We have tested dozens of Lick Mats & this is the one that provides the best bang for your buck. It lasts longer than any other lick mat & my dogs find it extremely calming, often closing their eyes while enjoying it!

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CALMING



Earth Rated Chew

one of our long time favourites – we don't actually use it as a chew toy/holder, but rather as a lick toy.

Smearing peanut butter or cream cheese inside & freezing it – it usually lasts 10 minutes or so!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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Outward Hound Slow Feeder

Bodhi uses this daily. I'm not sure this one is particularly calming, but it definitely slows Bodhi down with eating! Boy loves his food & is always looking for more when he finishes – the bowl helps him slow down & get more eating time!

Pro Tip: crush up some treats into dust & put them in the slow feeder as an enrichment activity!

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Fish Benebone

We've tested A LOT of chew toys, with multiple dogs... and this one is ALWAYS the favourite!

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FOOD



Food... as TRAINING TREATS!

I would 10/10 feed any of these foods as food... but they also make a FABULOUS training treat, giving you more bang for your buck!



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Buffalo Cheek Rolls

If you have a heavy chewer, these are THE BEST bang for your buck. They're typically around \$3/chew and last HOURS for my dogs.

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FOOD



Reusable Squeeze Pouches

save money & be ecofriendly by using Reusable Squeeze Pouches for rewards! I especially love them in the winter, treats are so hard to deal with when I have gloves on!

For reasons I don't understand – Sonny thinks these are one of the highest value rewards available – he doesn't care what's in it, he just loves the squeeze pouch!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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Food Dehydrator

The best money saving purchase I've ever made. If you're anything like me, you use A LOT of single ingredient treats. Making your own treats can be a huge money saver!

I've tried a couple of dehydrators & this one is my favourite affordable one!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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GEAR



Non-stop Dogwear

99% of our dog's gear is Non-stop Dogwear; we've been using it for years. It's extremely well made, built to last and designed with ergonomics in mind.

note: we will have a discount code in December - toosmart20

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PetSafe 3 in 1

If your dog hates having a harness put over their head, or if they pull on walks - the PetSafe 3 in 1 might be helpful for your pup! It's well designed, allowing full range of motion & has a front and back clip.

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Baskerville Muzzle

There are plenty of muzzles on the market & depending on your use, you might want something a little more comfortable with more pant room. The baskerville is great for veterinary visits, we've been using it for years!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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GEAR



Mighty Paw Treat Pouch

One of the most affordable treat pouches on the market & I love it. It has tons of space & the magnetic closure is super strong/easy.

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Tractive

we've been using tractive for over 3 years and I recommend it to absolutely everyone. It's a GPS tracking device that will help you find your dog if you ever lose them. Bonus: it has health tracking!

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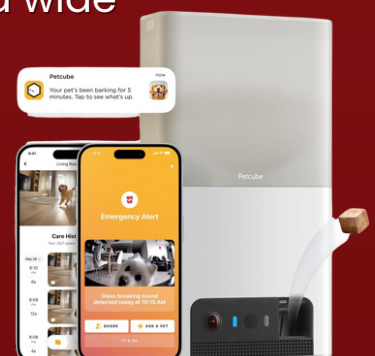
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PetCube

I love being able to check on my dogs and toss them treats when I'm not at home. PetCube Bites has a wide view & allows you to hear and talk to your dog!

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CARE



Millers Forge Nail Clippers

hands down the sharpest nail clippers available & extremely affordable! I've tried tons of brands, and these are excellent.

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Scratch Board

if your dog hates having their nails trimmed – take some of the stress out of it by using a scratch board! With this one, you can hide a treat inside, the dog scratches (trimming their nails!) and you open the door to reward them with the treat!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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Nail Grinder

another alternative for nail trims is the nail grinder! It was much easier to train cooperative care with the nail grinder for Sonny than it was regular nail clippers. Of course, all dogs will be different!

 [See Demo Here](#)

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CARE



Grooming Kit

keeping toe fur trimmed in the winter is essential. Our pups are out in the snow a lot & keeping fur trimmed will reduce painful snowballs between their toes!

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Brush

this is my favourite brush for removing a lot of fur, especially during heavy shedding periods. But, be warned, it does have blades and can cut the coat – I have never noticed a difference, I stopped using it for a year to see if it made a difference, and it didn't.

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Earth Rated Grooming Wipes

I love the earth rated grooming wipes. It was a surprise for me, how much I love them, but I now keep them stashed in my back pack, car & around the house to keep the pups fur and my hands clean!

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CLEANING



Roomba

I cannot recommend the Roomba enough. They're the original robot vacuum, and they're the best. I still have my original Roomba that I got 13 years ago!



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ChomChom

I swear this thing picks up more dog hair from my rugs than my vacuum does. It works well on clothing & furniture as well!



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Green Machine

I love this little machine for cleaning the car, couches & rugs. You'd be surprised at how much dirt gets trapped that other cleaning products can't get!

[Demo Video](#)

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Uproot Clean Rake

Another fur remover tool that is absolutely worth the money & gets more fur out of my rugs than my Shark vacuum!

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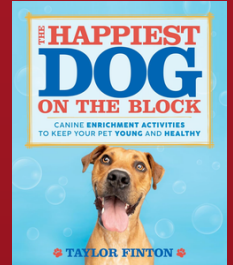
BOOKS



Happiest Dog on the Block

Taylor Finton (@bindisbucketlist) crafted one of the best enrichment books I've seen. Endless DIY enrichment ideas and wonderful insights into your dog's life!

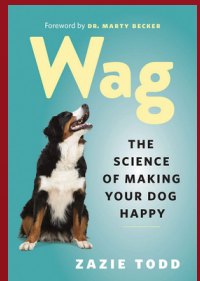
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Wag: The Science of Making Your Dog Happy

This book has just about everything I want to tell pet parents. Zazie beautifully explains how to understand your dog, and how to create a safe & happy environment for them to thrive.

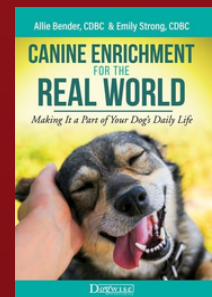
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Canine Enrichment for the Real World

If you want to go a little deeper, & into the science of enrichment for your dog, this is the book for you!

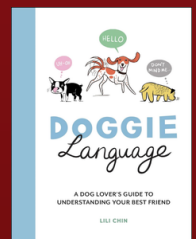
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Doggie Language

This is a beautifully illustrated book that is perfect for both adults and children. Understanding dog body language is key to properly caring for and loving your dog.

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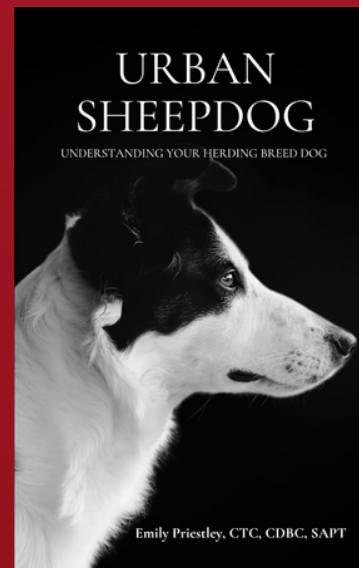


BOOKS



Urban Sheepdog

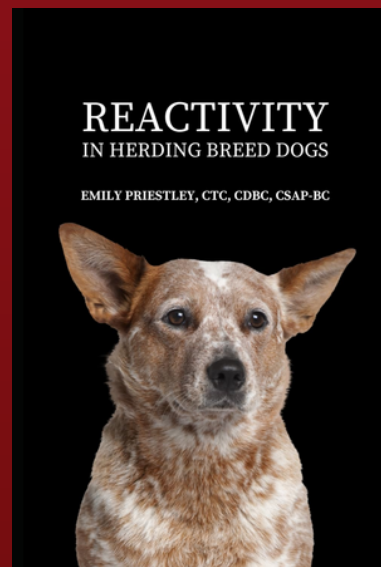
if you have a herding breed dog, Urban Sheepdog is a must read. Herding Breed dogs are purpose bred dogs, with unique drives & understanding what make them tick is essential to living a happy life with them.



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Reactivity in Herding Breed Dogs

If you have a reactive herding breed dog, Reactivity in Herding Breed Dogs can help you understand how to better support, manage and improve their reactivity.



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