

GADGETS!

Make vacation fun and easy with these travel accessory picks.

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These days, many dogs share busy social lives with their owners, so they're always on the go. Whether you're planning a vacation with your dog or a picnic at a local park, we've selected some innovative products that include everything from a portable paw wash to a doggie video cam that promise to make the time you spend together much more enjoyable.



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This Bissell Homecare Inc. window cleaner removes doggie drool and paw-prints from car windows and other glass surfaces. The container has foaming cleaner, a soft brush to loosen the sticky goo, and a squeegee attachment to remove the slobber. **\$9.99, 800-237-7691; www.pawsitivelycleanpet.com**

BUDDY MEALS

An ideal takeout "combo meal" for dogs on the go. The meal includes a main course, treats, a bottle of purified water, and even a scented poop bag, packed in a biodegradable feeding tray. Choose from chicken and rice or lamb and rice kibble. **\$4.89 each, from My Buddy Meals, 888-628-3396; www.mybuddymeals.com**

WANDER BED

Ideal for indoor and outdoor use, Kurgo's travel bed rolls up like a sleeping bag and even fits securely inside a large dog crate. Machine washable. **\$50 for medium size (dogs under 40 pounds); \$65 for large size (dogs over 40 pounds), 877-847-3868; www.kurgo.com**

TEMPALERT HARNESS AND T-SHIRT

Is your fun in the sun getting too hot for your furry friend? A special heat alert emblem sewn into the harness or shirt changes color to alert pet owners that external temperatures are above 100 degrees and unsafe for pets, thus protecting them from dehydration and heat stroke. **\$24.95, from Planet PETCO with LuvGear Technology. Exclusive to Petco stores at 877-738-6742; www.petco.com**

THE PETMATE CURVATIONS LUXURY PET CARRIER

Covered in a soft cushioned fabric, this carrier features ventilation panels all around for excellent airflow. A special safety clasp adds security. The space-saving design folds flat when not in use. Suitable for dogs up to 15 pounds. Available in a variety of designs. **\$49.99, 877-738-6283; www.petsmart.com**



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THE BRUSHLESS PAW WASH

Hitting the beach or woodland trail can get messy. This portable gadget from Paw Wash ensures your dog always has clean paws, without wiping them on your car seats. Fill with soapy water or a pet enzyme-based cleaner. Simply move the container up and down each paw to loosen the dirt, then the squeegee lid removes all liquid. Available in two sizes and sold with a microfiber mitt to pat dry. **\$17.99 for small (dogs up to 20 pounds); \$19.99 for large (dogs up to 125 pounds), 888-938-7297; www.thebrushlesspawwash.com**

WALKIEWAY

Convenient and always ready, this WalkieWay unique safety collar has a built-in, lightweight, retractable leash. It can be worn permanently, providing peace of mind that your pet can be instantly restrained in any situation. Includes a D-ring for ID tags. Available in red, blue, black, and pink. **\$19.95 for extra small (up to 13 pounds); \$24.95 for small (14 to 34 pounds); and \$29.95 for medium (35 to 55 pounds), 800-961-3140; www.walkieway.com**

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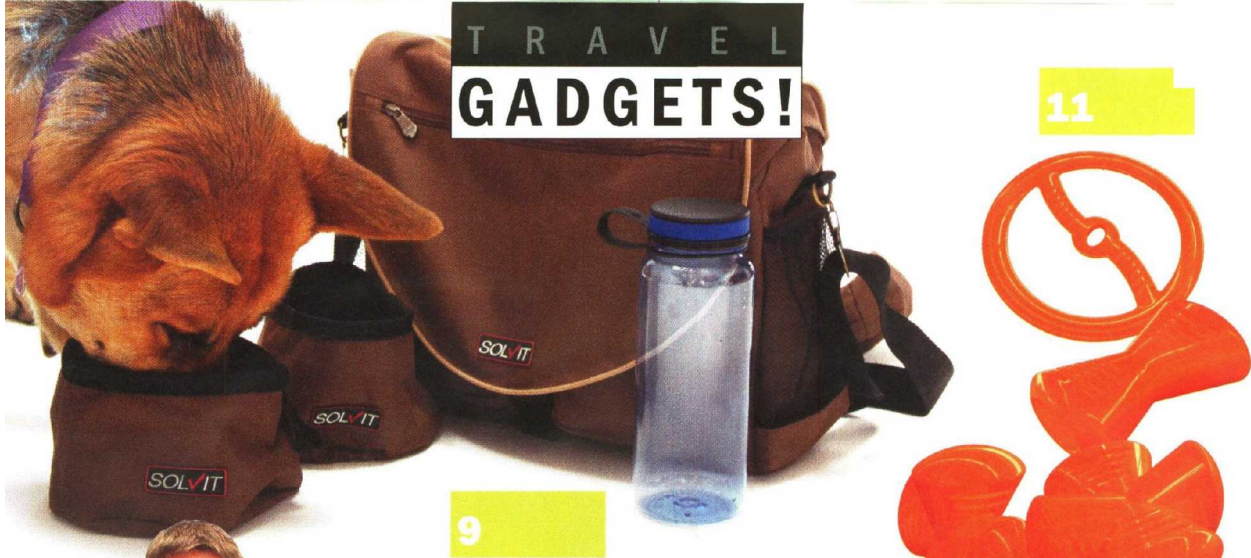
Want a dog's eye view of your trip? The DogTek videocam lets your dog film his own vacation or neighborhood outings. Fits on any collar between ½-inch and 1-inch wide and weighs only 1.2 ounces. The 8-gigabyte built-in flash drive stores about 2½ hours of video, which can be downloaded by plugging into a USB port. Watch our video test at DogChannel.com/extras. **\$129, 800-284-2060; www.dogtek.com**



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HEADING OUT OF TOWN?
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DOGCHANNEL.COM/EXTRAS

HOMEAWAY TRAVEL ORGANIZER KIT

Be ready to go at a moment's notice with Solvit Products' travel organizer, handy for emergencies as well. The travel bag contains a water bottle, 10-cup food bag, and collapsible food bowls. It has an accessible poop bag dispenser and many compartments to hold a variety of doggie paraphernalia. **\$59.99, 866-676-5848; www.solvitproducts.com**

STAINLESS STEEL DOG BOTTLE & BOWL

This durable and stylish stainless steel water bottle from H2O4K9 has a lid that converts to a drinking bowl. Available in a variety of sizes and fun fashion colors with a clip to attach to a belt and a carrying case. **\$17.95 for 9.5-ounce size; \$19.95 for 25-ounce size, 888-618-1373; www.h2o4k9.com**

BIONIC TOYS

Ever go on a trip and have your dog destroy his new travel toy in the first five minutes? These toys are made from non-toxic FDA food grade rubber to withstand tough play. They all float and spring back to their original shapes. **Choices include a bone, \$11.99; ball, \$9.99; treat stuffer with two openings, \$15.99; and a flyer, \$11.99, from Bionic Pet Products, 952-927-2200; www.bionicplay.com**

DOG CARE KIT

Banish worries about leaving care essentials behind. Packed into a waterproof case, this kit from G&B Marketing Inc. includes 10 pick-up bags, a flea comb, tick remover, a glow stick, hand wipes, antibiotic ointment, a non-toxic insect repellent, and a pet health and information card. **\$15.95, 760-842-1073; available from www.petco.com**

PACKABLE RAIN PONCHO

Be prepared for sudden showers with this poncho from RC Pet Products that folds flat and clips onto a leash in a convenient carry pouch. Available in eight colors. **\$12 for all sizes, extra small to extra large. Find a retailer at 604-325-6695; www.rcpets.com** DF

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