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Where to find it:
 • Fi-Dough, 103 Charles Street, Boston, (617) 723-3266.
 • Gadgets, 763 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, (617) 524-6800.
 • No Bones About It, 1786 Beacon Street, Brookline, (617) 277-2627.



Dog days

Products to pamper the pooches (and kitties) in your life

MANY PEOPLE PAMPER their pets as though the animals were children. Luckily for dog and cat owners, there are plenty of products available to spoil these species of "sons" and "daughters."

Though feeding your kitty out of a champagne glass, as seen on some cat-food commercials, may seem a bit much, Gadgets in Jamaica Plain offers up some interesting **pet bowls** (\$5.50-\$17) with **matching placemats** (\$2.75-\$3.50). The store has enough variety to satisfy even the most finicky feline or picky pooch, from ceramic dishes with scenes of frolicking animals to brightly colored plastic dishes and traditional stainless steel. For the dog who's moving and shaking his tail all over town, Gadgets even offers **collapsible bowls** (two sizes, \$15.50 and \$16.50) that can be carried in a knapsack, then popped open and filled with water for thirsty pooches.

Gadgets also sells **bone-shaped cookie cutters** (\$4-\$8), so you can be sure your dog is getting only the best homemade treats. (Recipes are included.) If you're not much of a culinary whiz, you can find **gourmet canine goods** at Fi-Dough. The store's **biscuits** (\$7.49/pound) are made with human-quality, all-natural ingredients, which Fi-Dough president



Joe Thompson says "isn't true of all the Milk-Bones of the world." It even stocks **bone-shaped cakes** (\$21.95) for doggie-birthday parties, which Thompson says more and more owners are throwing each year.

Karen Pacino, owner of Brookline's No Bones About It, can vouch for that. She says that with pet parties growing increasingly popular, owners are looking for space other than their own living rooms to entertain their "guests." No Bones offers a **puppy-party place** (\$20/hour), where owners can invite 15 to 20 of their pooch's friends to come play without putting a strain (or stain) on the owner's carpet, furniture, or patience.

No Bones also sells **dog clothing**, which Pacino says some breeds need for the region's harsh winters. It's never too early to stock up on **boots, sweaters, and fleece coats** (\$25-\$65). If your stylish dogs give you dirty looks when you try to slip them into goofy winter wear, you can always appease them with a really cool collar. No Bones sells **collars and leashes** in leopard and other animal prints, bone patterns, and leather (\$7.99-\$15.99).
 —Christine Junge



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moon signs

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THIS WEEK'S NEW moon happily coincides with the Perseid meteor shower. It lasts two weeks, but peaks August 10-15. This annual celestial event may feature as many as 60 meteors per hour and happens very late at night, so if you need a date after closing time, what could be more romantic? And if you can't find a place where the night sky is dark, more's the pity. Did you know we squander zillions of watts in wasteful night lighting? To do something about this, visit darksky.org, a group dedicated to raising awareness and working with manufacturers and government groups to reduce night pollution.

Thursday, August 8

New moon in Leo; Venus moves into Libra. Is that a public show of affection? Hmmm, get some fire in it universe and it has to go somewhere. Leos may be indiscriminate in what they claim they can do. Let others offer to make the appetizer/pick up the shut-in/tidy up. Ethereal Aquarius may change one crucial word in that Sinatra classic: "I gotta be me." (Give up? It's "free.") VOC all day until 2:15 p.m.

Friday, August 9

Waxing moon in Leo/Virgo. Excellent day for an impromptu party or getting dumped with the kids w/ you weren't planning on it. Or being charming and childlike Leo, you can get what you ask for, but are you really asking Sagittarius, ducks in a row this month — especially in relating to getting a mentor or setting up instruction. VOC 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 10

Waxing moon in Virgo. Soothe the savage beast cuisine; it's a fine day to combine healthy recipe with tasty ingredients (hint: soy-based products are no "tasty ingredient" to all). Virgo, speaking of recipes, he for happiness: plenty to do. You may think you're craving downtime, but not this weekend, when feeling "useful" most soothing. Gemini's could pick arguments just to easily vexed their opponents are.

Sunday, August 11

Waxing moon in Virgo/Libra. Housekeeping specialty for cleaning the bathroom. Virgo's competition and strategy — analyzing the person's room, perhaps? Capricorn, relationships may start later in the day; do the hard stuff early. Libra, you live in the golden rule, but others won't — don't let promise your enthusiasm. VOC 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, August 12

Waxing moon in Libra. How sincere are you ability counts. Libra, if you have a reputation spacey, it'll be brought to your attention early this week; that's especially so for February 8-15 water Cancer, here's how the week goes: conflict/lust/

Tuesday, August 13

Waxing moon in Libra/Scorpio. The moon course in the late morning — figure what "agreeing" on will get revised or "improved." Earlier is better for discussion; later in the day is better for romance for Aquarius and Taurus (especially together) is all about being kept off balance. Agreeing with that, but not the bull. Libra: shopping; sex therapy. VOC 8 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, August 14

Waxing moon in Scorpio. Good day for grow — but quietly, without a big fuss. Mind that mid July through August is all about b even though what you thought was true. (This v November 1-6 Scorps the most). As for Leo, he peril. Later in the week, you can deal with the your way (probably by leaping over them).

Key to Moon Signs

This horoscope traces the passage of the moon. Simply read from day to day to watch the moon moves through the signs of the zodiac.
 When the moon is in your sun sign, you are 28-day emotional cycle, and you can expect and emotionality. When the moon moves into opposite yours (see below), expect to have romantic activities will not be at their best.
 When the moon is in Aries, it opposes Libra. Other oppositions are Taurus/Scorpio, Gemini/Cancer/ Capricorn, Leo/Aquarius, and Virgo stays in each sign approximately two and a half days.
 As the moon moves between signs, it becomes "void of course," making no major planets. Consider this a null time and implementing decisions if you can.
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