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Pet tech for furry friends

The love and care we extend to dogs, cats and other pet-pals make them central to family life. So shouldn't they have the latest gadgets to keep them happy and safe? Here's a roundup of gizmos for our four-legged friends.

Tagg GPS Pet Tracker

This pet-tracking device is perfect for born escape artists. The Tagg GPS Plus attaches to your dog's collar and sends details about his or her location and daily activity directly to your phone. The device is durable and waterproof. It features a longlasting rechargeable battery, maps and directions, nationwide coverage (so you can pinpoint your pet's location anywhere in the U.S. using GPS and cellular technology). It even sends text and email alerts to your phone. (\$79.95) pettracker.com



Petnet SmartFeeder

The Petnet SmartFeeder manages when your pet eats and exactly how much. You can program the gadget through a computer, smartphone or tablet to manage feeding times and portion sizes. You can even monitor your pet's caloric intake and the ingredients in food. By using the Petnet app, you can feed your pet from any location. Additionally, the SmartFeeder monitors when your food supply is running low. To make things easier, Smartfeeder offers a convenient pet food delivery service. (\$99) petnet.io



iFetch

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Well, sort of new. With the iFetch, hightech meets old-school fun. It's an automatic ball launcher - similar to a pitching machine - that keeps Fido running as it shoots a ball at least 10 feet away. Every time you put the ball back into the iFetch, it launches again. The trick is teaching your dog to put the ball into the hole on the iFetch after he's fetched it, so that it can launch again. Even if you don't have the time, your pet can play endless games of fetch. (\$115) goifetch.com



Doggie Cams

Capture the world from your dog's point of view. What's cool about the GoPro Fetch (Dog Harness) is that you don't need to purchase another device if you already own a GoPro; just mount it on your dog using the harness, which is durable and machine washable. (Harness is \$59.99) gopro.com. Or you could try the Eyenimal PetCam, a video camera designed to be worn by pets. Clip it onto your pet's collar and it records up to 2 1/2 hours of video. (\$69) eyenimal.com/en

Petcube

YouTube is packed with pet videos. Well, what if you could watch your own pet? With the Petcube camera, you can stay connected to your pet even when you're not at home. Using a mobile app, you can access your Petcube from anywhere and watch and talk to them. You can also play with them remotely, using a safe laser toy. What's more, you can share the fun with fellow pet lovers. The app can be downloaded from the App Store and GooglePlay. (\$199) petcube.com